



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

June 6, 1975

Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, USA
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

National Commander John J. Stang was delighted to learn of your acceptance of his invitation to address the 76th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on Wednesday, August 20, in the Los Angeles Convention Center. He has asked me to assure you that our organization will do everything within its power to make your visit to Los Angeles as enjoyable as humanly possible.

I have been assigned the pleasant responsibility of coordinating the appearance of distinguished guests attending our National Convention. As soon as your trip to Los Angeles is finalized I would appreciate receiving a copy of your travel itinerary. Upon receipt of this information I will make the necessary hotel reservations for you at the Los Angeles Hilton and will arrange for a member of my staff to meet you upon your arrival.

We will be happy to send you an advance check for your air travel to Los Angeles or you can submit the airline voucher to me after your trip to California and I will see that you are reimbursed. Your hotel bill and other expenses will, of course, be charged against our Master Account while in Los Angeles. Please advise whether you prefer an advance check for your air travel or that reimbursement be made after your trip.

If you should have any questions regarding your visit to Los Angeles, please phone me at 543-2239.

Sincerely yours,

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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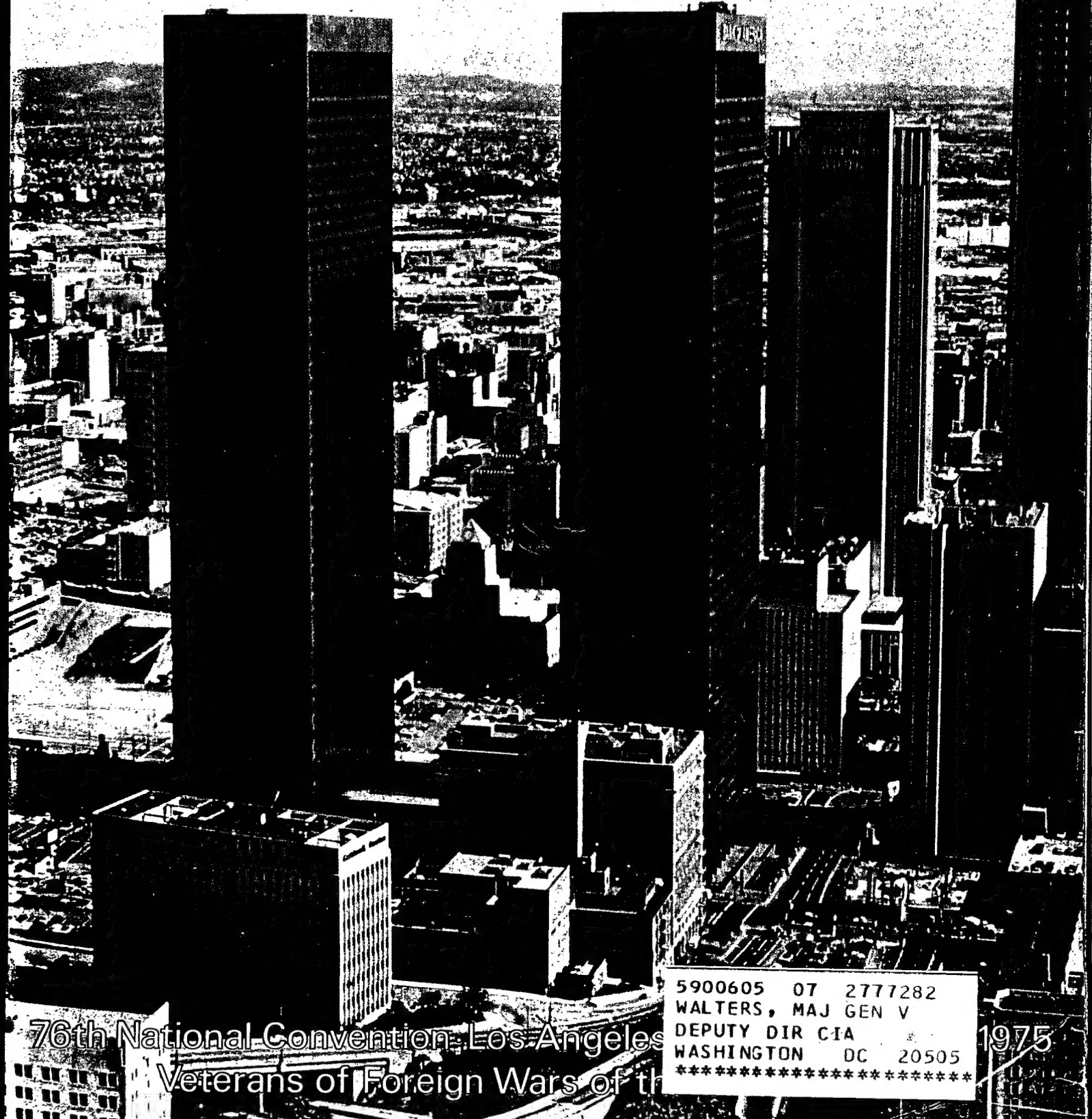
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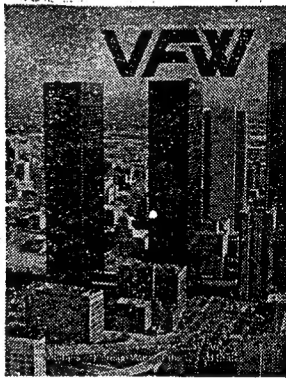
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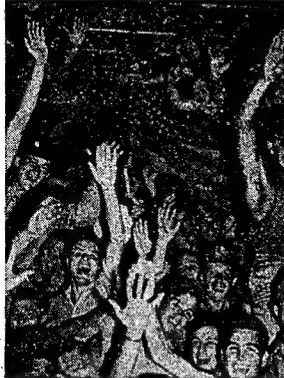
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• Downtown Los Angeles will be the scene of the 76th National V.F.W. Convention, Aug. 15 to 22 when some 30,000 delegates, their families and friends will visit the city. The V.F.W. is no stranger to Los Angeles. This will be the fourth time the V.F.W. has held its Convention there, but it is the first time since 1959. During the Convention, the delegates will hear a series of top speakers from Congress and the Veterans Administration discuss veterans' benefits. Military leaders will outline the state of the nation's defenses. (Photo, Los Angeles Convention and Tourist Bureau.)

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Asks Research Help

Material is being gathered for a history of Desha County, Ark. I have written to every source that has been suggested for the names of men from this county who were cited for valor by the Armed Forces of this nation. The only thing I ever get is bureaucratic buck passing. Does anyone know of the source from which such information is available?—*Jim Merritt, 3-4 Wolfe Bldg., McGehee, Ark. 71654.*

Praises Service Officer

Words alone cannot express my gratitude to the V.F.W. and especially to National Service Officer William Golden, of New York. He goes out of his way to help his fellow veterans and indeed he should be commended.

When my ill son reached 21, he was taken off my disability compensation in view of all his medical record that the VA had. I contacted the VA to no avail. I called National Service Officer Golden who told me to see him immediately so he could appeal the case. His all-out effort won the appeal and my son was put back on my disability claim.

Without such people as William Golden, his staff and such a worthy organization as the V.F.W., we veterans would be lost and forgotten people.

I urge all veterans to join the V.F.W. It will put up a terrific battle and that's what the V.F.W. is all about.—*Frederick Hyde, 1041 Pugsley Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10472.*

Articles Exceptional

"The War Is Over" and "The Sad Story of Vietnam: What If?" (June 1975), were exceptionally well written articles. Both caused me to reflect on many memories of my tour in Vietnam. Even more so, unfortunately, they remind me, too, of how sad it has been for the veterans who were called to serve their nation, only to return to a callous country.

The people, who compose the government seem to hold an attitude of indifference toward veterans. It is even worse to attempt to foresee how the nation is going to treat the refugees from Vietnam in the future.

Unless the people have an immense change in attitude, I will feel much pity for the refugees. For if we, the veterans, are now treated as "outcasts," it grieves me even to attempt to comprehend how the people are going to treat the Vietnam refugees in their greatest time of need.

My heart, though it be broken, is in America; but, my thoughts are for mankind.—*S/Sgt. Paul R. Moorman, P.S.C. Box No. 1232, Williams AFB, Ariz. 85224.*

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POW, MIAS' CHILDREN

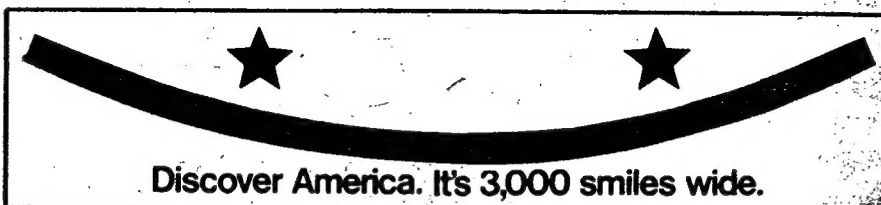
A \$10,000 cash scholarship for children of Vietnam Era prisoners of war and missing in action has been announced by J. Kevin Murphy, president, Purolator Services, Lake Success, N.Y.

The scholarship program to be continued until all children of POW/MIAs have passed college age, or approximately to 1995, will provide up to \$2,500 annually over a four-year period to each winner. A new scholarship

will be awarded each year.

Murphy said the scholarship would be presented annually in honor of a different POW or MIA. The 1975 award will be in the name of Adm. James D. Stockdale, the senior Navy prisoner, who was held for seven years in North Vietnam.

Student eligibility will be verified by the military services. Need will be a factor in the scholarship selection. It will be based also on SAT tests.



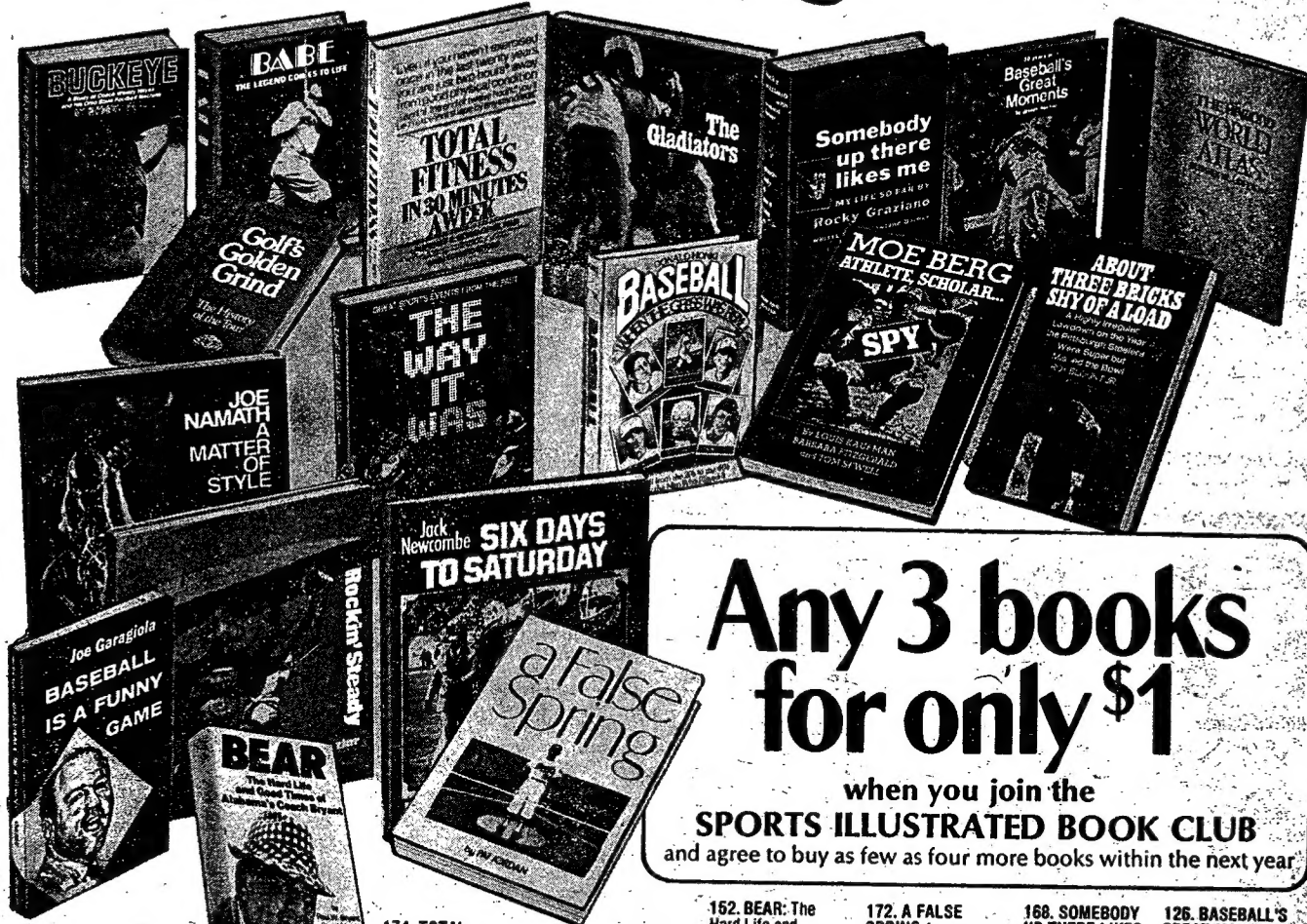
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Place	Post No.	Location	1975 Membership
1	1114	Evansville, Indiana	3554
2	3579	Park Ridge, Illinois	2960
3	131	Lincoln, Nebraska	2511
4	47	Uniontown, Pennsylvania	2436
5	1308	Alton, Illinois	2432
6	6975	Bristol, Virginia	2233
7	1064	Huntington, West Virginia	2219
8	1146	Saint Clair Shores, Michigan	2153
9	6704	Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania	2116
10	360	Mishawaka, Indiana	2099
11	3382	Kingsport, Tennessee	2059
12	628	Sioux Falls, South Dakota	2007
13	2290	Manville, New Jersey	2001
14	1296	Bloomington, Minnesota	1987
15	9723	Okinawa, Pacific Areas	1984
16	3851	Carmi, Illinois	1964
17	283	Kingston, Pennsylvania	1935
18	1874	Grand Forks, North Dakota	1932
19	573	Clarksburg, West Virginia	1931
20	1273	Rapid City, South Dakota	1918
21	1848	Jackson, Tennessee	1885
22	1216	Austin, Minnesota	1866
23	249	Butler, Pennsylvania	1843
24	401	Albuquerque, New Mexico	1810
25	668	Birmingham, Alabama	1755
26	112	Wichita, Kansas	1687
27	589	Hazleton, Pennsylvania	1678
28	762	Fargo, North Dakota	1648
29	5555	Richfield, Minnesota	1643
30	1000	Independence, Missouri	1624
30	8541	San Antonio, Texas	1624
32	5225	West Memphis, Arkansas	1597
33	367	Joliet, Illinois	1592
34	6896	Detroit, Michigan	1571
35	23	Lebanon, Pennsylvania	1567
36	5632	Saint Louis Park, Minnesota	1562
37	2754	West View, Pennsylvania	1551
38	2529	Sandusky, Ohio	1533
39	6640	Metairie, Louisiana	1525
40	295	South Saint Paul, Minnesota	1522
41	4848	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1519
42	7330	Oakville, Connecticut	1515
43	1003	Jefferson City, Missouri	1514
44	969	Tacoma, Washington	1496
45	1857	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1484
46	1621	Janesville, Wisconsin	1474
47	2640	Wallington, New Jersey	1473
48	6800	Somerville, Massachusetts	1472
49	2012	Abilene, Texas	1455
50	2100	Everett, Washington	1439
51	305	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	1438
52	501	Denver, Colorado	1434
53	2093	Orlando, Florida	1428
54	428	Saint Cloud, Minnesota	1417
55	577	Tulsa, Oklahoma	1411
56	53	Jamestown, New York	1408
57	733	Mason City, Iowa	1401
58	191	Canonsburg, Pennsylvania	1394
59	49	Mobile, Alabama	1380
60	271	Bronx, New York	1345
61	2166	Elizabethton, Tennessee	1341
62	4903	Tucson, Arizona	1339
63	2149	Bensenville, Illinois	1324
64	1271	Central Falls, Rhode Island	1315
64	1865	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1315
66	1275	Lima, Ohio	1311
66	447	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1311
68	2702	Huntsville, Alabama	1308
69	4087	Davison, Michigan	1305
70	2199	Joliet, Illinois	1299

71	1087	Great Falls, Montana	1296
72	1391	Racine, Wisconsin	1295
73	1970	Nashville, Tennessee	1285
74	2055	Centralia, Illinois	1281
75	972	Terre Haute, Indiana	1277
76	9969	Del City, Oklahoma	1275
77	1881	Cheyenne, Wyoming	1274
78	1990	Greenville, Tennessee	1272
79	1736	Alexandria, Louisiana	1271
80	379	Yakima, Washington	1268
81	99	Decatur, Illinois	1264
82	1	Denver, Colorado	1257
82	7119	Indianapolis, Indiana	1257
84	1936	Hagerstown, Maryland	1248
85	3580	Blue Island, Illinois	1247
86	5266	Morristown, Tennessee	1244
87	4372	Odessa, Texas	1231
88	2130	Lake Charles, Louisiana	1230
89	2346	Saugus, Massachusetts	1213
90	847	Superior, Wisconsin	1209
91	905	Gardner, Massachusetts	1208
92	1989	Indiana, Pennsylvania	1198
93	4057	Tupelo, Mississippi	1195
94	3838	Cape Girardeau, Missouri	1194
95	924	Anniston, Alabama	1185
96	5542	Bristol, Pennsylvania	1180
97	2466	Lubbock, Texas	1179
97	5206	Hendersonville, N. Carolina	1179
99	3777	Festus, Missouri	1178
100	1432	Salina, Kansas	1175
101	3822	Ancon, Canal Zone	1168
102	9619	Morningside, Maryland	1165
103	3588	Lake Worth, Florida	1166
104	832	South Portland, Maine	1155
105	1469	Huntington Station, N. Y.	1153
106	245	Sellersville, Pennsylvania	1134
107	2540	Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania	1128
107	1136	Wyandotte, Michigan	1128
109	425	Hopkins, Minnesota	1127
109	2689	Huntington, Indiana	1127
109	155	Johnstown, Pennsylvania	1127
112	884	Fresno, California	1122
113	5064	McMinnville, Tennessee	1120
114	6251	Cheektowago, New York	1114
115	1810	Brentwood, Pennsylvania	1112
116	3368	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania	1111
117	79	Meridian, Mississippi	1102
118	695	Waynesboro, Pennsylvania	1099
119	1600	Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	1096
120	753	Minot, North Dakota	1095
121	2688	Miami, Oklahoma	1089
122	755	Springfield, Illinois	1082
123	2434	Biloxi, Mississippi	1079
124	1290	Easton, Pennsylvania	1077
125	3525	Hamilton Twp., New Jersey	1075
126	1599	Chambersburg, Pennsylvania	1071
126	382	El Reno, Oklahoma	1071
128	1754	Huntingdon, Pennsylvania	1067
129	737	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1066
130	594	Norwich, Connecticut	1065
131	3809	Middletown, Ohio	1062
132	6827	Saint Petersburg, Florida	1060
133	1289	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1059
134	1650	Topeka, Kansas	1056
135	1590	Daytona Beach, Florida	1054
136	3553	Chester, Illinois	1053
137	529	Somerville, Massachusetts	1048
138	1720	Grand Rapids, Minnesota	1045
139	2539	Gulfport, Mississippi	1044
140	693	Canton, Ohio	1043
141	2773	Denison, Texas	1039
142	495	Columbus, Ohio	1038
143	5263	Fort Sill, Oklahoma	1036
143	1639	Willmar, Minnesota	1036
145	1644	Norfolk, Nebraska	1027
146	1318	Madison, Wisconsin	1024
147	2147	Wichita Falls, Texas	1022
148	791	Yankton, South Dakota	1021
148	4075	Frankfort, Kentucky	1021
150	1008	Pontiac, Michigan	1019
151	511	New Britain, Connecticut	1014
152	402	Corapolis, Pennsylvania	1013
153	2901	Cambridge, Ohio	1012
154	2503	Omaha, Nebraska	1011
155	7415	New Cumberland, Penn.	1010
156	3790	Logansport, Indiana	1009
157	891	Asheville, North Carolina	1007
158	3181	Florence, South Carolina	1006
159	1474	Spokane, Washington	1004
159	2716	Weirton, West Virginia	1004
159	1383	Klamath Falls, Oregon	1004

commanders of the month

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States hit a new record high in membership for 1974-75.

With the highest mark in its history, the V.F.W. is proud of the work done by Commanders at all levels of the organization.

Leading the way to this accomplishment during June were the following Department Commanders of the Month, with times won in parentheses:

Div.	Commander	State
A	Ervin L. Steele (10)	Pa.
I	Robert G. Marmaduke (7)	Ohio
II	Clyde Hall (3)	Texas
III	Walter Hogan (7)	Wis.
IV	John F. Petit (4)	Fla.
V	Raymond H. Honaker (6)	W. Va.
VI	Harold F. Miller (6)	Colo.
VII	Harold Damm (5)	Ore.
VIII	T. H. Burns (1)	S. C.
IX	Lionel A. Jalette (10)	R. I.
X	John F. Murphy (9)	D. C.

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- The following appointment is hereby announced: Acting Director, National Legislative Service, Donald H. Schwab, Post 3150, Arlington, Va.
- Olin Wright, Post 6602, Hinesville, Ga., has replaced Wynder Giles, Post 4830, Moultrie, Ga., as National Council of Administration member, District 8.
- Posts that have failed to submit a Report of Election form listing officers for 1975-76, should immediately forward such report to Department and National Headquarters for matter of record and mailing to proper officers within the Posts.
- Departments that have not forwarded an official roster to National Headquarters listing the officers of their Department should do so immediately so that correspondence may be directed to the proper officers in each Department.
- The attention of all Department, District, County Council and Post officers is directed to Section 703 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which requires that each accountable officer of the organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable.
- Post Commanders and Adjutants will see that credentials for duly elected delegates to the National Convention are properly filled out and turned over to the proper representatives of the Post prior to their departure to the National Convention. Posts that have not sent in a Report of Election form, listing officers for 1975-76, will not receive credentials for the National Convention.
- National Headquarters offices will be open for business at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, Calif., from Aug. 15 through Aug. 22, 1975.
- Posts are reminded to send in advance registration for delegates to the National Convention. Advance registration is six dollars (\$6.00) per delegate and should be mailed to Veterans of Foreign Wars 76th National Convention Corp., Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.
- Announcement is made of the consolidation of Pierce Memorial Post 7768, Ennis, Texas, and Scott Rider Post 3905, Kaufman, Texas; the consolidated Post to be known as Scott Rider Post 3905, Kaufman, Texas.
- Announcement is made of the consolidation of Edgewater Post 6180, Edgewater, Fla., and Clarence Jones Post 4250, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; the consolidated Post to be known as Clarence S. Jones Post 4250, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
- Announcement is made of the authorization of charters for the following Posts: Post 5450, Canton Township, Mich.; Post 6226, Arab, Ala.; Post 6780, Dansville, N. Y.; Post 7777, Minneapolis, Minn.; Post 10335, Malden, Mass.; Post 10451, North Little Rock, Ark.; Post 10452, Woneewoc, Wisc.

OFFICIAL:
Julian Dickenson
Adjutant General

By Command of:
JOHN J. STANG
Commander-in-Chief

national aides-de-camp, recruiting class.

The following V.F.W. members have won appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, during the month of June, by collecting the 1975 dues of at least 50 new and/or re-instated members.

They are: Harold McKinney, Post 668, Birmingham, Ala.; Joe Purvis, Post 5528, Prichard, Ala.; Roy W. Rogers, Jr., Post 3200, Augusta, Ga.; Kenneth Darling, Post 507, Lynn, Mass.; William Newman, Post 834, Everett, Mass.; Duane L. Roy, Post 5607, Milltown, Mont.; Don D. Ostendorf, Post 1504, North Platte, Nebr.; Royce T. Armstrong, Post 1317, Shawnee, Okla.; Ralph J. Eswein, Post 2754, West View, Pa.; Donald M. Bentzel, Jr., Francis J. Gillespie, both of Post 3376, Ephrata, Pa.; Servando Lopez, Post 8621, Alice, Tex.

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order of parade

Standings are based on per capita tax contributions received at National Headquarters as postmarked through June 30, 1975.

1. District of Columbia	110.69
2. Nevada	110.60
3. Utah	109.31
4. Oregon	106.43
5. Panama Canal Zone	105.99
6. Florida	105.19
7. Colorado	104.37
8. Texas	104.00
9. North Dakota	103.43
10. Mississippi	103.34
11. West Virginia	103.25
12. South Carolina	103.22
13. Wisconsin	102.70
14. New Mexico	102.68
15. Arizona	102.60
16. Oklahoma	102.49
17. New Jersey	102.48
18. California	102.12
19. South Dakota	102.09
20. Michigan	101.82
21. Nebraska	101.79
22. Delaware	101.52
23. Rhode Island	101.43
24. Iowa	101.25
25. Hawaii	101.12
26. Ohio	101.06
27. Louisiana	100.94
28. Maryland	100.93
29. Montana	100.86
30. Missouri	100.85
31. Virginia	100.82
32. Maine	100.62
33. Kansas	100.56
34. Minnesota	100.46
35. Alabama	100.33
36. New York	100.31
37. Wyoming	100.20
38. Kentucky	100.11
39. Connecticut	100.09
40. Arkansas	100.049
41. Pennsylvania	100.046
42. Washington	100.01
43. Indiana	100.00
44. Illinois	99.46
45. Massachusetts	99.35
46. Idaho	99.10
47. Vermont	98.73
48. North Carolina	97.66
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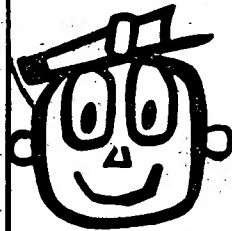
German Ex-Pilot Seeks Yank Flyer

A former German fighter pilot, now in Munich, Heinz Hanke, is seeking a former American bomber pilot who bailed out over the North Sea on Feb. 20, 1944, and was taken to Odense, off the coast of Denmark, for interrogation.

The American was known to the German only as "Lt. Mark" from Minneapolis. On the back of his jacket were the words, "Miss Behavin'" and below that, pictures of 18 bombs. Before he was taken to a prison camp in Oberursel, the two men had a Danish beer and parted wishing each other good luck.

If anyone has information about the American, please contact: Department of Minnesota, V.F.W., P.O. Box 17146, Rice St. Station, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117.

Three easy ways to get YOUR Zip Code

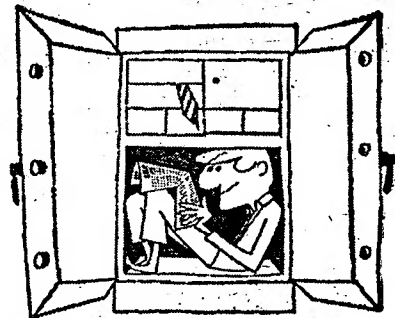


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hunting & fishing

BY KEITH C. SCHUYLER

CUTAWAY CUFFS

• Avoid trousers with cuffs for outdoor activities. Not only can cuffs trip you up if they catch snags or projecting stones, they are real dirt receptacles. You won't endear yourself to the lady of the house when you carry part of the fields and forests into your home.

PASTURE PIGS

• Woodchucks, or groundhogs, provide excellent summer eating as well as hunting sport where they are found. The present price of meat gives new meaning to harvesting these creatures. Most farmers welcome 'chuck hunters since the animals' burrows endanger livestock and machinery. But, summer shooting can be hazardous unless the hunter makes certain there is a clear line of fire to the target and beyond.

CASH CROP

• Based on the current price of meat at the butcher shop, value of the annual deer harvest in the U.S. is something over \$100 million. However, if the cost of obtaining this much venison included expenditures of all big-game hunters, it would place the price at something around \$10 per pound. The last national survey in 1970 showed that big-game hunters spend an average \$122.53 annually for their sport. There are approximately 8.5 million deer hunters.

FUTURE FISH

• If a trophy fish is to be saved for mounting, it is best to keep it frozen all the way to the taxidermist. If unable, preserve the best side, slit the fish on the opposite side (Not up the belly) and remove the entrails. You can still enjoy a fish dinner if you live nearby and can recover the carcass as soon as the fish is skinned by the taxidermist.

SELDOM SUBSTITUTE

• Popularization of non-leaded gasoline for your automobiles may tempt some to substitute this gas for camping appliances which call for special fuels. Although okay in an emergency, automobile gasoline will eventually foul up stoves, lights, catalytic heaters and other such equipment if used continuously—one manufacturer says.

LOOK AT LINE

• With a summer of good fishing ahead, you should check last year's line on your fishing reels. Any sight or feel of a roughened area bears closer investigation. If in doubt, replace it. This may be your year for a lunker and you don't want to lose it.

MOVING MINNOWS

• Although too much abuse will kill minnows used for bait, frequent movement will increase your chances for a

strike. Often live minnows hide in the weeds or rest in a dead-appearing position. Used as bait, reel in a few feet of line every few minutes to bring it into play; which may cause it to move more on its own. If it dies, try casting gently and work it slowly back to you. This will give you use of your bait and increase chances for action.

LARGER LURES

• In early season, trout are more apt to take larger lures than later. Weighted streamers of twice the normal size may bring the big ones up from bottom. The same is true of nymphs. These same lures are useful in midsummer for night fishing but will frighten fish in low, clear water in the daytime.

PORCUPINE PROBLEMS

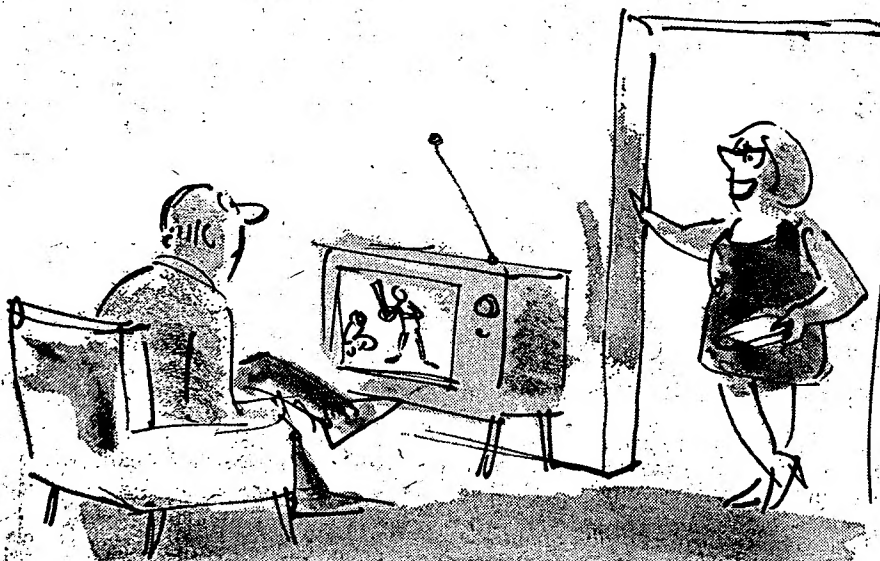
• Where porcupines proliferate they can become a real menace to forests. One animal can destroy two trees in a single night and cause from \$10 to \$100 per acre in damages. Further, these bark eaters contribute to fire menace by turning lives trees into kindling. Although porcupine quills serve decorative purposes for Indians, and they are a source of easy food for a lost person, not much more can be said to their credit.

KEY TO CATCH

• Although there are many influences which affect fish feeding, water temperature is one of the most important. For example, the longfellow—muskellunge, northern pike and pickerel—each feed best when the water warms in summer, it becomes necessary to go deeper for these species which are commonly found in very shallow water as the ice goes out in early spring.

TOPS FOR TABLE

• From bullheads to blue cats, these ugly bottom fish provide more entertainment and good eating than possibly any other of our fresh water species. Bullheads are the most common. Frequently raised commercially, a 14-inch is a good one. Blue catfish can and do go up to 150 pounds. For the most part, a fish that only takes bait, the catfish makes up in tastiness what it lacks in spectacular fighting ability and good looks.



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BY DONALD H. SCHWAB

Acting Director, National Legislative Service

HONOR AMERICA LAW: S. J. Res. 92, introduced by Sen. Hugh Scott (Pa.) and cosponsored by Sen. Mike Mansfield (Wyo.), declaring the 21 days from Flag Day through Independence Day (June 14-July 4) as a period to honor America, was signed by the President, June 13, and became Public Law 94-33.

HOUSE APPROVES VA APPROPRIATION: The \$16.4 billion VA appropriation passed the House, June 24, and was sent to the Senate. At least an additional \$1 billion will be needed later in the year to meet the increased use of readjustment, compensation and pension benefits in the currently depressed economy. Total VA budget for FY 1976 is expected to exceed \$17.5 billion. Its largest portion, \$7.5 billion, is for compensation and pensions.

SENATE, HOUSE RAISE COMP AND DIC PAYMENTS: Senate-passed S. 1597 would raise compensation by 12% for veterans 10 to 50% disabled and 14% for those rated 60 to 100%. Rates for DIC and dependents would be increased 14%. Thirteen days earlier the House passed H.R. 7767. It would hike compensation payments 6.3 to 8.2% to those 10 to 50% disabled and 10% to those 60 to 100% disabled. Dependents and DIC recipients would get a similar boost. Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees are seeking a compromise so the legislation may be sent to the President for signature before Congress recesses, Aug. 4.

PAY OF VA DOCTORS, DENTISTS: The House Veterans' Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Hospitals, chaired by Rep. David E. Satterfield III (Va.), approved for the full Committee H.R. 8240, the Physicians and Dentists Comparability Pay Act of 1975. It would put VA physicians' and dentists' pay on a par with their military counterparts. Dispute over New Hampshire's Senate seat has delayed Senate action on a companion bill.

NATIONAL GUARD TECHNICIANS RETIREMENT: Fast on the heels of the announcement of a favorable committee report by Sen. Gale W. McGee (Wyo.), Chairman, Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, on S. 584 to permit full retirement credit for National Guard technicians who retired before Jan. 1, 1969, rather than the present 55% credit, the full Senate passed the bill, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1969. Similar House legislation is under consideration by the Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, chaired by Richard C. White (Texas).

REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER ANDOLSEK: Ludwig J. Andolsek, Civil Service Commissioner and holder of the National V.F.W. Gold Medal of Merit, was reappointed by President Gerald R. Ford to another six-year term. He has served on the three-member Commission since 1963.

VETERANS DAY BILL STALLED: A bill to return Veterans Day to Nov. 11 is still bottled up in the House Subcommittee on Census and Population, chaired by Rep. Pat Schroeder (Colo.), of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. The Senate bill to accomplish this passed last March; hearings by the Schroeder Subcommittee were held in May, and 45 states have returned to the Nov. 11 date.

STOVER LEAVES V.F.W. EMPLOYMENT: Francis W. Stover, long-time National Legislative Director, resigned to accept a staff position with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

NATIONAL CEMETERIES STUDY HEARINGS: The Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, chaired by Rep. George E. Danielson (Calif.), held hearings on the study of the national cemetery system, prepared by VA Administrator Richard L. Roudsbush. It recommends establishment of cemeteries in each of the 10 Federal regions, as well as encouragement of states to develop their own cemeteries with matching federal funds, retention of current restrictions on burials in Arlington National Cemetery and elimination of the \$250 VA burial allowance if burial benefits are provided by other federal programs, including the \$255 Social Security death payment.

NATIONAL CEMETERY IN EVERY STATE, SAYS V.F.W.: The VA is developing plans for regional cemeteries in California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. The V.F.W. restated its position by resolution and priority goal of Commander-in-Chief John J. Stang: a national cemetery in every state for the burial of every eligible veteran, notwithstanding regional cemeteries or removal of restrictions at Arlington National Cemetery and retention of the VA burial allowance. The Social Security death payment is not a veterans benefit or a gratuity. It is paid for by employee—veteran or not—and employer. Studies prove interments in national cemeteries are greatest within 50 miles of survivors' homes. They drop sharply at over 100 miles. ■



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Under the leadership displayed at all levels of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States—Post, County Council, District and Department—headed by Commander-in-Chief John J. Stang, another banner year of success was achieved.

Membership growth is a demonstration of this accomplishment. For the 22nd year in a row, the V.F.W. surpassed the 100% mark to set again another record. The increased membership record also mirrors the growth in the vast array of programs the organization sponsors to benefit communities throughout the nation.

Commander-in-Chief Stang termed the efforts of his fellow 1974-75 Commanders as an "outstanding effort for which all were involved."

Continuing, Stang also praised V.F.W. members "for their help to all of us who you elected to serve you during 1974-75. Our growth in membership coupled with the demonstration of building a better America indeed will help strengthen our voice in the halls of Congress. We are a growing, vibrant organization and I extend my sincere thanks to each and everyone for making my year as Commander-in-Chief a record one."

For their leadership in stimulating and promoting the V.F.W. and its programs, 74 Commanders have been named to the 1974-75 All-American team.

Each Commander will receive a round-trip flight to the 76th annual V.F.W. National Convention in Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 15-22. He will be the special guest of Commander-in-Chief Stang at the Distinguished Guests Banquet, Monday evening, Aug. 18, and at the Awards Luncheon, Tuesday, Aug. 19, where he will receive the coveted V.F.W. All-American cap and lapel pin.

The 27 Department Commanders who made the All-American team this year are:

Jack Melban, Calif.; Harold F. Miller, Colo.; John F. Murphy, D.C.; John F. Petit, Fla.; Walter J. Starr, Iowa; Raymond N. Stotler, Kans.; James M. Collins, La.;

John D. Waldron, Md.; William P. Bennett, Mich.; Harold Genrich, Minn.; Gordon Estes, Miss.; Herman Droege, Mo.; Charles E. Hill, Nebr.; Howard Vander Clute, N.J.; James E. Coad, N. Mex.; Samuel C. Pilato, N.Y.; Richard Grenz, N.D.; Robert G. Marmaduke, Ohio; Daniel E. Bennett, Okla.; Harold Damm, Ore.; Ervin L. Steele, Pa.; Lionel A. Jalette, R.I.; T. H. Burns, S. C.; Clyde Hall, Tex.; Raymond H. Honaker, W. Va.; Walter Hogan, Wis.; Robert W. Fowler, Wyo.

The 22 District Commanders and their Districts are:

David Baucum, 1, Ala.; Frank Gutierrez, 1, Calif.; James D. Toy, 5, Colo.; Raymond H. Prentice, 11, Fla.; Eugene Karban, 14, Ill.; W. J. Cannon, 5, Ky.; James W. Fahey, Jr., 10, Mass.; Robert Goossen, 9, Mich.; Robert D. Eliason, 7, Minn.; Ray D. Tanner, 5, Nev.; Louis Nina, 4, N.J.; Mannie Siegle, 5, N.Y.; G. F. "Jerry" Kolb, 5, N.C.; Dovel T. Myers, 12, Ohio; Dean Hildebrand, 1, Okla.; Edgar E. Wagener, 18, Pa.; Robert P. King, 10, S.D.; Rudy Chilek, 4, Tex.; Aaron K. Crosman, 1, Utah; Charles B. Wilkerson, 3, Va.; Darel C. Shumate, 11, W. Va.; Arthur H. Schultz, 9, Wis.

The 25 Post Commanders and their Posts are:

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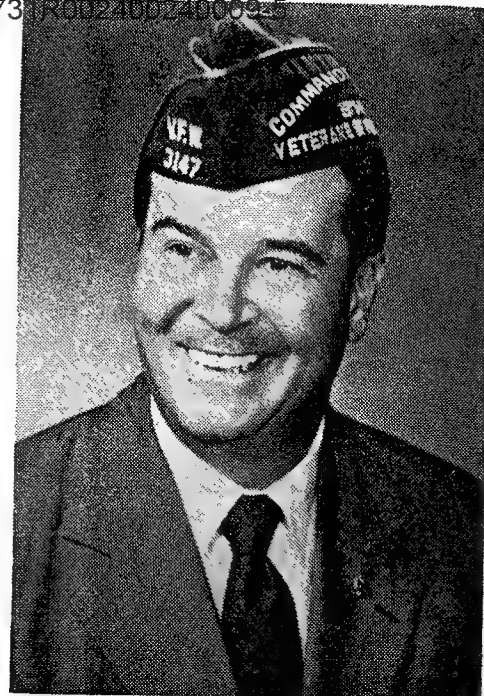
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Official Call

76TH National Convention



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Of The United States



To the Delegates and Officers of the 76th National Convention:

This has been a great year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Our accomplishments have brought us thousands of new and reinstated members who have recognized that our organization is the leader in the fight for broader veterans rights and benefits, for a national defense that will keep the United States second to none, for the maintenance and improvement of the Veterans Administration hospital system and for a rebirth of patriotism in this country.

From the very moment at our 75th National Convention in Chicago when President Gerald R. Ford announced his plan for the "re-entry" of draft dodgers and deserters into our nation's life, the V.F.W. gained national and worldwide attention by our vigorous opposition to any such program that would circumvent the judicial processes of our country. Our forefathers established the United States as a nation of laws, not of men, and we will continue to demand that this bedrock principle be honored. We are inflexible in our opposition to amnesty, regardless of how it is sugar-coated.

Undoubtedly, the firmness of our position against any reduction of American sovereignty over the Panama Canal has gone far toward preventing the virtual scrapping of the American presence in what has aptly been termed "America's jugular."

In the past year, more and more danger signals have appeared in the field of veterans benefits. One of the grossest to surface was contained in the 20th Century Fund report recommending that veterans benefits be placed under the welfare system. The V.F.W. instantly countered to neutralize its effect. However, we must remain vigilant. The thinking that motivated this report is constantly with us—in high places in the government, in segments of the public, in policy-making bodies and in self-anointed elitists.

The V.F.W. successfully led the fight to override the President's veto of a bill that meant more money and a broader scope for the education of Vietnam veterans. Because your organization cared, thousands of veterans of that cruel conflict will be able to go to school with fewer financial worries.

In the area of pensions, the V.F.W. labored to achieve increases for our older veterans and their dependents. While the majority benefited, however, more than 300,000 suffered a reduction because of higher Social Security payments. We are working unstintingly to have this corrected. We will not relax our efforts until we have achieved our goal.

I am certain our 76th National Convention will develop mandates that will chart another successful year for our organization and point the way toward the realization of a better life for all our veterans. For our nation as a whole, for our organization and for the veteran population, the year 1976 will mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Let us celebrate this momentous occasion with a reaffirmation of the American spirit as embodied in the lofty ideals set forth in the chartered purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Yours in comradeship,

John J. Stang

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, V.F.W.

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Los Angeles, Calif. - - August 15-22, 1975

A nondenominational Chapel will be available daily, in the Patio Room, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel

First Aid Headquarters will be in the Hartford Room, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel

(Tentative Schedule of Events)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 A.M.—Registration—M.O.C. Alexandria Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 12:00 Noon—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 1:00 P.M.—Natl. Service Officers Conference Golden State Rm.,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 1:30 P.M.—M.O.C. Opening Session Alexandria Hotel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 A.M.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 8:30 A.M.—Registration—M.O.C. Alexandria Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Natl. Service Officers Conference Golden State Rm.,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 9:00 A.M.—M.O.C. Supreme Scratch Alexandria Hotel
 10:00 A.M.—Ladies Aux. Council of Administration Biltmore Hotel
 2:00 P.M.—V.F.W. Council of Administration Sierra Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 5:00 P.M.—Annual M.O.C. Banquet Alexandria Hotel
 8:00 P.M.—Band Directors Meeting New York Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 9:00 P.M.—M.O.C. Torchlight Parade

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3:00 A.M.—Church Service—Catholic Pacific Ballroom,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 8:00 A.M.—Church Service—Protestant Golden State Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 8:30 A.M.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 1:00 P.M.—Meetings
 Corps Directors New York Room, L.A. Hilton Hotel
 By-Laws, Rules and Procedure and Ritual Assembly Room
 East and Center, L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Natl. Security and Foreign Affairs Los Angeles Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Finance and Internal Organization Sierra Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Americanism, Community Activities, Loyalty, Safety and
 Youth Activities Garden Room West, L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Veterans Service Wilshire Room B & C,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 General Resolutions Golden State Room, L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Committee on Convention Rules Cleveland Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 3:00 P.M.—Ladies Auxiliary Opening Ceremony Biltmore Hotel
 7:00 P.M.—Annual Memorial Service Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 10:00 P.M.—Big Ten Conference Caucus Pacific Ballroom,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Eastern Conference Caucus Garden Room, L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Southern Conference Caucus Los Angeles & Golden State
 Rms., L.A. Hilton Hotel
 Western Conference Caucus Wilshire Room, L.A. Hilton Hotel

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 A.M.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 9:00 A.M.—Joint Opening Session Hall B, L.A. Convention Center

Presiding—Byron Gentry, President, 76th National Convention Corporation

Greetings—Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley
 Greetings—California Governor Edmund Brown, Jr.
 Introduction—Supreme Commander M.O.C. George Jeschke
 Introduction—Ladies Auxiliary President Betty Butler
 Presentation of Flags by Ladies Auxiliary to Governor and Mayor
 Introduction—Commander-in-Chief John J. Stang
 Principal Address—Ronald Reagan

12:30 P.M.—Awards Luncheon Hall C, L.A. Convention Center
 3:30 P.M.—Meetings—V.F.W. Natl. Convention
 Committees L.A. Convention Center
 6:00 P.M.—Reception for Distinguished Guests Room 212,
 L.A. Convention Center
 7:00 P.M.—Distinguished Guests Banquet Hall C,
 L.A. Convention Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 A.M.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 8:30 A.M.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Biltmore Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 9:00 A.M.—V.F.W. Business Session Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 2:00 P.M.—Post Extension Meeting Room 214, L.A. Convention Center
 2:00 P.M.—VAVS Conference Room 216, L.A. Convention Center
 2:30 P.M.—Public Relations Seminar Room 213, L.A. Convention Center
 6:45 P.M.—Annual Military Parade

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 A.M.—All-American Commanders Breakfast Golden State Room,
 L.A. Hilton Hotel
 8:00 A.M.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 8:30 A.M.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Biltmore Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 9:00 A.M.—V.F.W. Business Session Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 2:00 P.M.—Department Commanders & National
 Officers Conference Room 214, L.A. Convention Center
 7:00 P.M.—Million Dollar Pageant of Drums East L.A. City
 College Stadium

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 A.M.—Registration—Ladies Auxiliary Biltmore Hotel
 8:30 A.M.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Biltmore Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 9:00 A.M.—V.F.W. Business Session Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 2:00 P.M.—V.F.W. Programs Room 214, L.A. Convention Center
 7:00 P.M.—Big Ten Conference Banquet Biltmore Bowl, Biltmore Hotel
 7:00 P.M.—Dixie Banquet Pacific/Sierra Ballroom, L.A. Hilton Hotel
 7:00 P.M.—Eastern Conference Banquet Crystal/Colonnade Ballrooms,
 Biltmore Hotel
 7:00 P.M.—Western Conference Banquet Los Angeles/Golden
 State Ballroom/L.A. Hilton Hotel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 A.M.—Ladies Auxiliary Business Session Biltmore Hotel
 9:00 A.M.—Registration—V.F.W. Hall B, L.A. Convention Center
 9:00 A.M.—V.F.W. Election and Installation of Officers Hall B,
 L.A. Convention Center
 2:00 P.M.—V.F.W. Council of Administration Room 216,
 L.A. Convention Center
 8:30 P.M.—Commander-in-Chief's Reception and Ball
 Pacific Ballroom, L.A. Hilton Hotel

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From the instant the gavel is banged down at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Aug. 18, opening the 76th National V.F.W. Convention, to the final moments of the last day, Aug. 22, delegates, their families and friends can expect a full schedule of action.

Although the Joint Opening Session will be held on Aug. 18, several events are planned for the weekend of Aug. 15, 16 and 17.

The Military Order of the Cootie convention, with its colorful Torchlight Parade, will be held Aug. 16 and 17 before the National Convention and the National Service Officers conference is slated for Aug. 15 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel.

The annual Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Convention Center, with Maj. Gen. John D. Flynn, Commander, Air Force Military Training Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, the main speaker.

On the opening day, Mayor Tom Bradley, of Los Angeles, will greet Convention delegates to the city, while former Gov. Ronald Reagan is expected as a major speaker.

Tuesday, Aug. 19, Sen. Vance Hartke (Ind.), Chairman, Senate Veterans Committee, and Rep. Ray Roberts (Texas), Chairman of the House counterpart, will discuss veterans legislation now pending before their committees.

Richard L. Roudebush, VA Administrator and a Past Commander-in-Chief, is scheduled to address delegates Wednesday, Aug. 20. Also slated to appear that day is Maj. Gen. Vernon Walters, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Gen. George S. Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be the principal speaker at the session of Thursday, Aug. 21.

The Convention will conclude with the election of National Officers on

at the Convention Center, moving east on 12th Street to Flower, north on Flower to Third. The parade route is a mile and a 10th long.

With thousands of youngsters expected to participate, the annual Million Dollar Pageant of Drums will be held the night of Wednesday, Aug. 20, at East Los Angeles City College Stadium. This traditionally has been a high point of each annual Convention.

All during the five days of the Convention, many matters of vital concern to America's veterans will be taken up.

Mandates adopted by delegates to the National Convention will form the basis for V.F.W. action on a wide front—veterans benefits, rights and entitlement; national defense and security, opposition to amnesty for deserters and draft dodgers; Americanism, V.F.W. youth and community activities and the many other programs

1975 Convention, a V.F.W. Milestone

Friday, Aug. 22. Expected to succeed Commander-in-Chief John J. Stang is Thomas C. Walker, currently Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. R. D. Walker, now the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, is slated to move into the office vacated by Walker.

As usual, much Convention interest will be focused on the election of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief since he, according to V.F.W. custom, will become Commander-in-Chief in 1977.

Awards to be presented this year will go to Gen. Brown, Armed Services; Leon Turrou, a well-known V.F.W. personality in Paris, Americanism; Rep. Olin E. Teague (Texas), Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, senior member of the House Veterans Committee and its former Chairman, Space Award; Capt. Benjamin Gonzales, of the San Bernardino, Calif., police department, and Danny Thomas, the internationally known entertainer, Gold Medal of Merit and Citation.

Thomas is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the annual Convention Banquet, the night of Monday, Aug. 18.

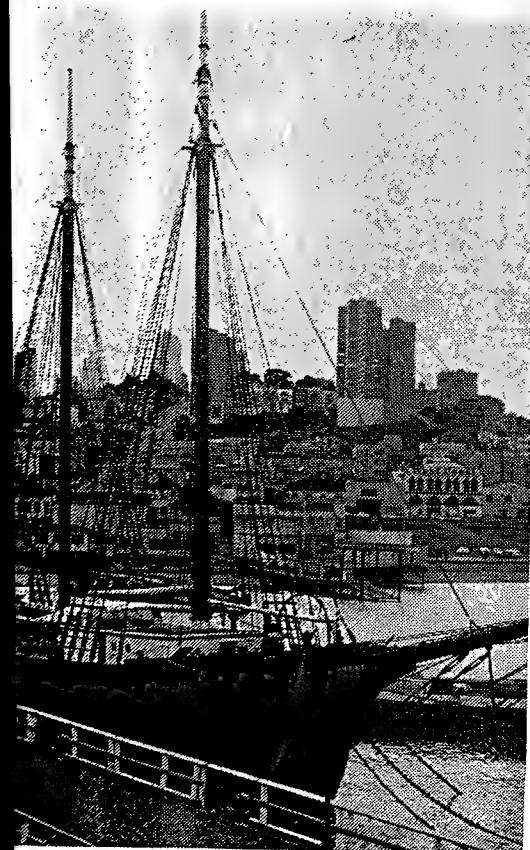
The annual Military Parade which usually lasts approximately six hours will begin at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19

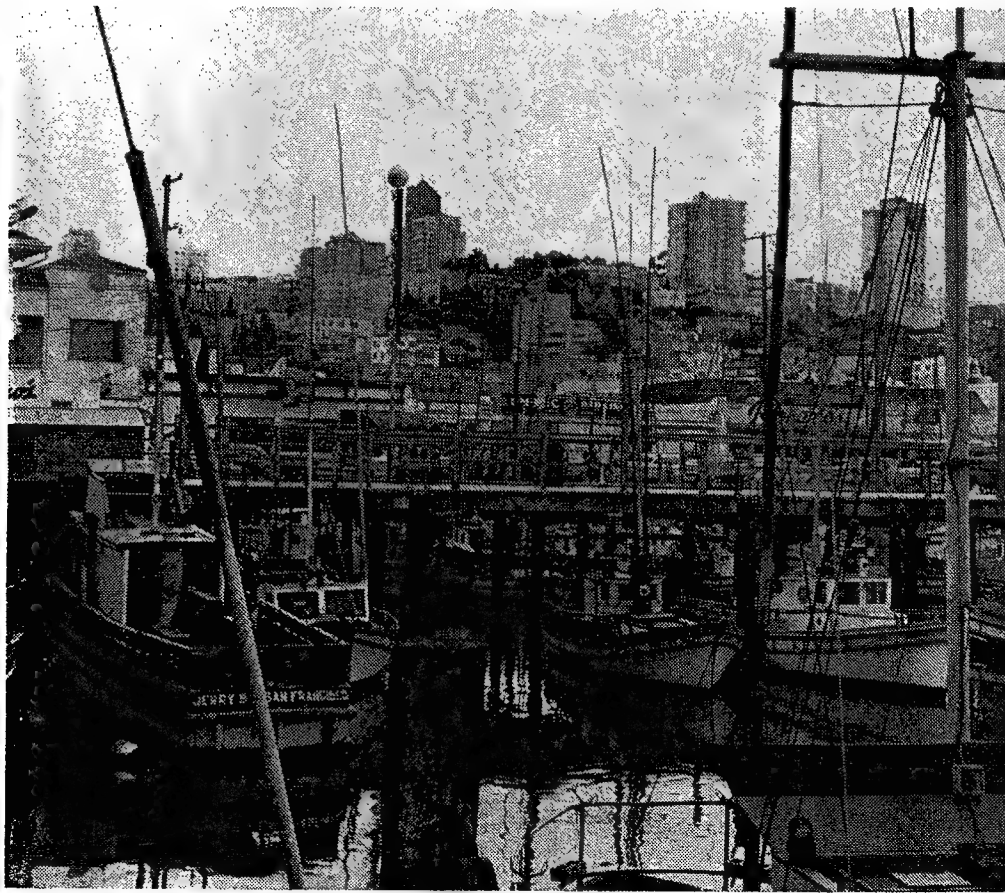
which the organization sponsors.

A major problem to be dealt with is House action on a bill to return the date of Veterans Day to Nov 11, the old date of Armistice Day when World War I ended. The Senate passed a bill that would do this last March, but the House has been reluctant to move on it. A point often made by the V.F.W. is that 45 states by law now observe Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

The question of pensions for elderly veterans, their dependents and survivors will be one of major importance to the delegates. The V.F.W. is working for legislation that would prevent veterans pensions from being cut or terminated because of Social Security. A recently passed pension law was expected to do this but because of a complicated formula at least 350,000 pensioners were cut or stricken from the rolls.

Not only can V.F.W. members at the Convention look to another successful membership year, but they can take pride in a major accomplishment of the organization. Without the V.F.W.'s efforts it is unlikely that a bill to put Vietnam veterans GI Bill educational provisions on par with the benefits WWII and Korean War veterans received would have passed Congress over President Gerald R. Ford's





many other Asiatic reminders of California's racial and ethnic multiplicity are present in Los Angeles. Italians, too, have added their own flavor.

Then there are fishermen up and down the Pacific who came originally from Croatia and Slovenia; Bretons from France and Basques from Spain—all have found a new home in California. Danes have given the state the town of Solvang and the Armenians have done much to develop the rich lands that produce fruit and vegetables for America's dinner tables. Franciscan missions built by the Spanish attract thousands and provide insight to the past. Then there remains of the Russian settlement at Fort Ross near San Francisco.

California's wines from the Napa Valley are world famous for their variety, bouquet and consistently high quality regardless of the year, a tribute to the state's renowned, year around, mild climate.

California is the only state in the United States where virtual tropics merge with deserts, where mountains are never far from beaches. Any sort of a vacation is readily available in California.

Delegates driving to the Golden State, California's nickname recalling the discovery of the precious metal that sent the first wave of migrants to the Far West, will find a wealth of scenic vistas that are not duplicated in another state.

Coming from the north, they can drive along the Pacific Coast, pausing to view the giant redwoods, or even seals as they pass close to the shore. Farther south the weather becomes milder as another part of California merges. Then comes fabled Southern California with its near tropical climate, magnificent beaches and unforgettable balmy days.

Entering California from the southeast the visitor will pass through deserts with their own magic quality and characteristic vegetation. Throughout,

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veto.

While delegates are not attending Convention sessions, there are many things to do and see in the Los Angeles area.

Of interest to many, especially veterans of the World War I Siberian expedition, might be the vast displays at the Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa, of pictures and mementos of that phase of American overseas involvement maintained by Veterans of the AEF, Siberia, Unit 1, in Los Angeles.

Of course, to most Americans the Los Angeles area means entertainment—motion pictures generally but increasingly television as more and more shows are originating from there or are being filmed in former movie studios.

Tours of television network facilities are available and many will be anxious to visit studios dating from the golden age of the movies.

Los Angeles abounds in museums of all sorts, many containing works of the old masters, and restaurants featuring the cuisine of the whole world, as well as arts and crafts and hard-to-find Oriental products.

There are many more attractions that Los Angeles offers and information can be obtained free from the

Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau at 404 S. Bixel St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90051.

Probably nowhere else in the world is there such a blending of cultures as in Los Angeles, or for that matter the whole state of California. Its Spanish and Mexican background—apparent in the names of countless cities and towns—pervades the state. Restaurants everywhere feature the cuisine of this heritage. After the Latin background is the Oriental. Japanese, Chinese, Korean and

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By Stan Federman

It was 1946—and it was a great time to be alive. They were all home from the war. Most of them, anyway. The war. The big war, the one that was finally going to put a stopper on all wars.

Perhaps a few of them paused to think of those who did not get back. But the memories were already fading; in many cases it was almost a deliberate reaction.

For now they were home and the future looked fresh and bright. Just ask them. "How are things, Joe?" And the answer always came back in wide smiles.

It was 1946. A good vintage year for living. Uncle Sam knew it, too. And he was giving them something now besides an M-1 rifle or a can of C rations. He was providing them with a free education.

And, oh, how they latched on to that offer!

They poured into colleges and universities, technical schools and business schools—and they gave American education an era it had never seen

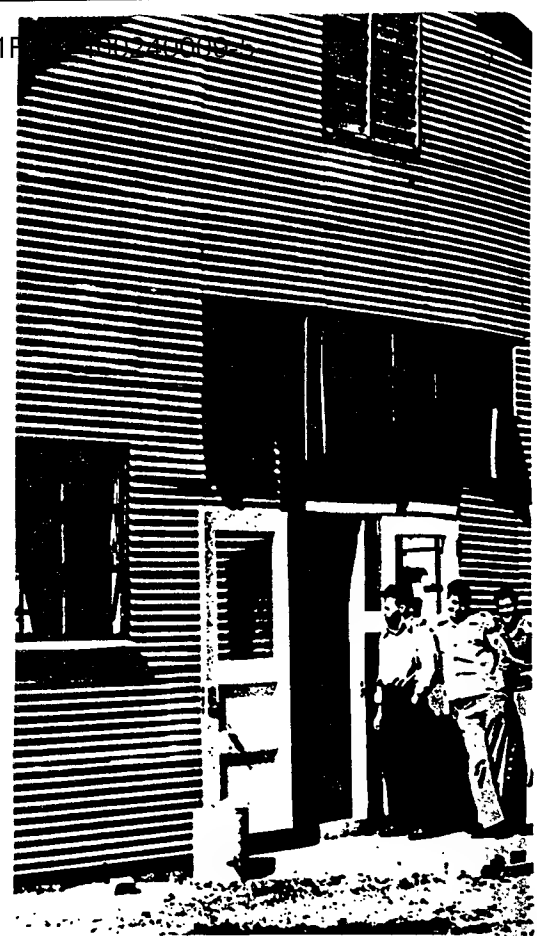
ing the 1946-50 period. In 1947 it hit an all-time yearly high as more than 2.5 million veterans were enrolled in various educational projects.

The national cost for the program's tuition, classroom books and equipment and subsistence came to about \$14.5 billion. The nation has long since gratefully acknowledged that the cost was relatively low for the results produced. The veterans themselves have more than paid it off through taxes on increased earnings achieved through the education and training it gave them.

Nearly every industry and business in the land has received millions of trained men, thanks to the GI Bill. That bill furnished the country with some 500,000 engineers, 250,000 teachers, 200,000 men with medical training and 117,000 metal workers among others.

The net result has been a generation of economic and social growth in this country without parallel in world history. It was a generation better equipped and trained to take over the affairs of business and government than any previous American generation.

Few people today would deny that when it came to the GI Bill's educational benefits "we the people" got our money's worth. And a lot



all the coeds were

before nor ever would again.

For these were the veterans of World War II. Their ticket to an education of their choice was the now famous GI Bill.

Next year, appropriately this nation's Bicentennial celebration, will mark the 30th anniversary of the first major influx of veterans who swarmed on to campuses all over the country as a result of the educational training benefits of that bill.

The World War II educational benefits of the GI Bill went out of existence in July, 1956. But in its 12-year history, it was the most successful experiment in mass education ever attempted in this country. More than 8 million veterans, over half of all those who served in World War II, used their GI Bill's educational training rights.

About 3 million of them ended up attending colleges, another 2.2 million took up trades in business and vocational schools. Some trained on farms; others took correspondence courses. About 400,000 went back to finish grade or high school.

The program reached its peak dur-

more.

And yet in the beginning, there was much skepticism about those educational benefits. Few would have dreamed then of the resulting developments.

Many educators and government officials were worried about the program. Many feared the veterans would end up as "lounge lizards" in campus sororities or as educational derelicts, incapable of classroom achievement.

But the veterans soon proved their detractors were wrong.

The former servicemen came, saw and conquered the perils of campus life just as they had smashed the greatest war machines the world had ever known. They compiled scholastic records often much higher than the rest of the student body. They often provided a stabilizing influence on other students. A great many rose to campus leadership in every type of organization. They became editors of college newspapers and magazines, directors of campus workshops, leaders in social and religious groups.

There were few "Rah, Rah" college types among them, or foolish prank-

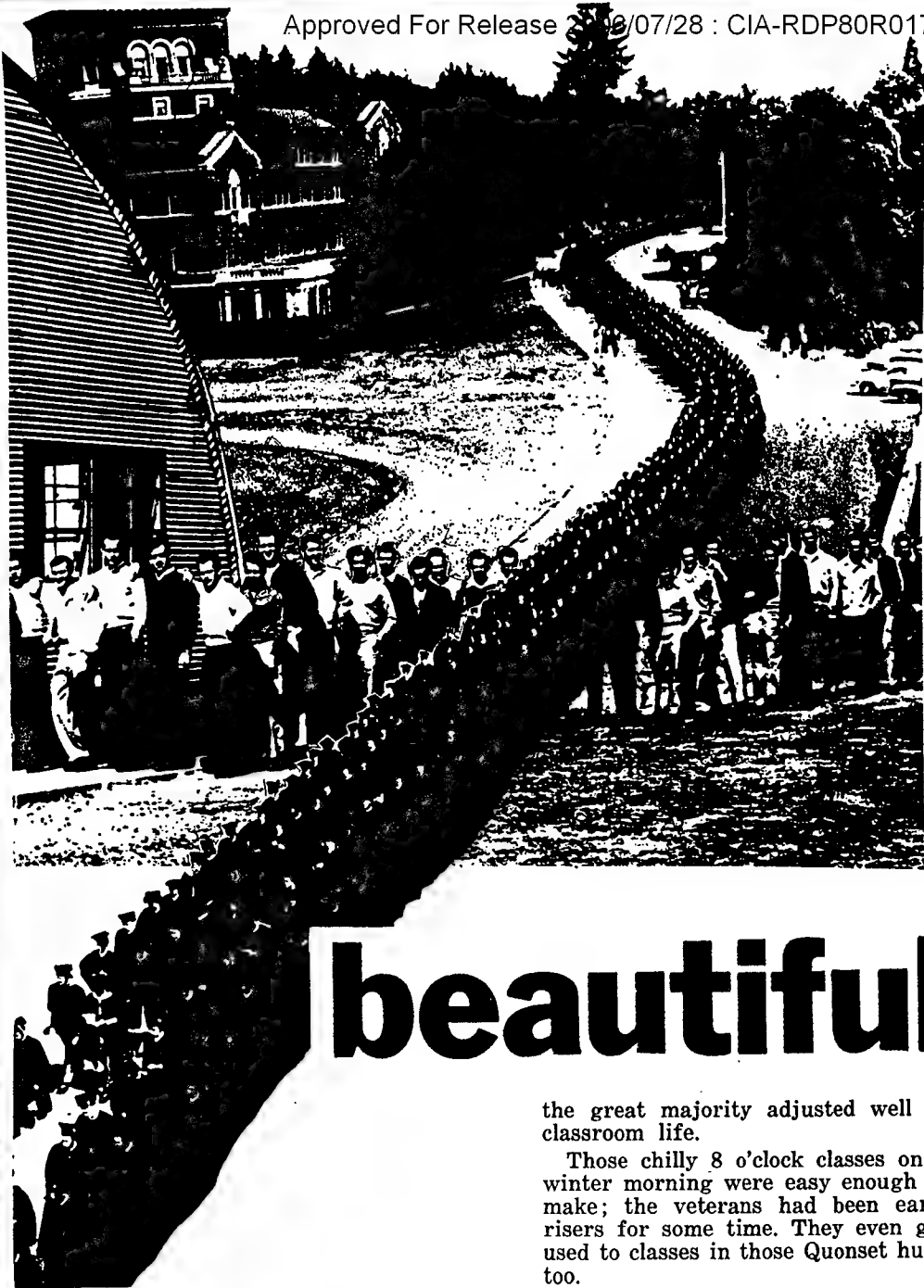
sters, or rebels without a cause. They were serious; they were studious. They knew exactly where they were going.

Perhaps there was a sadness in them in the realization that Joe College had died. On the beaches and in the jungles and behind the hedgerows in places far from an American campus. Joe College was gone, to be replaced by these veterans who had their own future rendezvous with destiny.

Yet, getting an education wasn't easy for them. Many attended schools under adverse personal conditions. They had families to support. Many worked their way through school to help add to those small government subsistence checks. Home was often a tiny trailer, as cramped as any barracks.



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beautiful

Housing was usually sub-standard on most of the nation's campuses. Colleges were caught in the big squeeze of returning veterans and too few dormitories. Trailer camps and Quonset huts sprang up almost overnight.

But the veterans and their families didn't seem to mind these inconveniences. They had a cheerful, adventure-some attitude toward it all. They wanted their education and if they had to live in trailers to get it—well, they intended to enjoy it.

Oh, they griped a little, but not too loudly. Campus life for the veteran, single or married, was far too interesting. And it was nice and quiet, too, after the war. A few of them never were able to get the "academic habit" again and quit; a few dropped out without ever giving it a real try. But

the great majority adjusted well to classroom life.

Those chilly 8 o'clock classes on a winter morning were easy enough to make; the veterans had been early risers for some time. They even got used to classes in those Quonset huts, too.

And all those coeds certainly were a welcome sight. They sure did brighten up campus life for many a veteran. After all the places the vets had been and the women they had seen in those places, they found the American coed a delightful change and experience. Ask any veteran today, and it's extremely doubtful if he can recall even one coed during his campus days who wasn't beautiful.

One thing the vets still disliked was standing in line for anything. After years of the military "hurry up and wait" routine, they wanted nothing to do with lines of any kind.

In the classrooms, they sensed a change in themselves almost at once. So did the professors.

The vets had been away for several years to do a job and now they were

back in a classroom. But it wasn't the same as when they went away. They had had a lot of time to think during the boredom of war and they knew exactly what they wanted out of life. And what they wanted to learn. They kept their teachers on their toes with tough, exacting questions.

You couldn't "snow" them. They had been everywhere and seen everything. The great punchline in any classroom or campus bull session was: "Nuts—I was there and I saw it and it was nothing like that."

They had the usual booze and babes discussions which have broadened generations of American undergraduates. But they also talked about Russia and Berlin, the struggling United Nations, the Point IV program, the Marshall Plan and that coup in Czechoslovakia.

They laughed and played and worked hard. They were both proud and sorry for themselves at the same time. Many of them had the mood of a Peace Corpsman a decade too soon. Everyone seemed to have a plan for saving the world and what he was going to do to help.

The vets seemed to realize that many of the old mores and ways of American life were going down the drain, that it would be up to them to be responsible for the nation's future and its dreams.

Well, 30 years have passed and many who dreamed those dreams have helped shape our society. Many probably have been followers rather than leaders. Most haven't given much thought to it, one way or another.

Now fiftyish, fat and featherless, they spend their days dealing with the problems of parenthood, crab grass in suburbia and those hours down at the "salt mine."

They have grown up in the age of the establishment, the most comfortable yet, according to the gross national product and average income. They have survived Korea and Vietnam, those rebellious days of their children in the late 1960s, the ups and downs of the economy and the constant fear that the world might just blow itself up any day now.

Maybe that's why there is a nostalgic compulsion to look back.

For although those campus veterans of 1946 had their problems, there were many compensations for the poor housing, overcrowded classrooms and a lot of pressure from a world that was just taking a deep breath after a very costly war. There were no color television sets, no bucket seats, no electric toothbrushes. But still, it was a wonderful time for coming home, with all those dreams and a chance for an education.

And what veteran hasn't sometimes asked himself just a little bit wistfully whether anything that came later topped it? ■

In August, 1775, the Americans began what would prove to be their first disaster of the Revolutionary War, the invasion of Canada.

The 14th colony had a white population of approximately 80,000 French *habitants* and 2,000 "Old Subjects," British settlers who had been there before France lost her principal North American colony at the end of the French and Indian War a dozen years earlier.

Aside from uniting all British North American colonies against the Mother Country, the Americans hoped that by capturing Montreal and Quebec they would neutralize any English attempts at rallying the fierce northern Indians against them.

august 1775:

Canada Is The Next Target

American memories of Indian attacks launched by the French against English colonies went back more than 100 years. Ending them was one of the reasons for the French and Indian War, which provided the Revolution with many of its roots. British demands for taxes were made in part to pay for it.

After Britain had consolidated its control over the former New France, the British Quebec Act moved Canada's boundary south to the Ohio border and barred further American settlement. The enraged Americans saw in this a British conspiracy to mollify their new subjects at their expense.

Further, during the French and Indian War, the Americans had proved they did not need Britain to defend them. Indeed, most of the Continental and militia officers, including Washington, were veterans of the French and Indian War. And with the end of French rule in Canada, the ever-present threat from the north had been eliminated anyway.

The Canadians were happy under the British. Their dominant Roman Catholic Church was the established faith. The clergy, loyal to King George, retained their power. The feudal land-

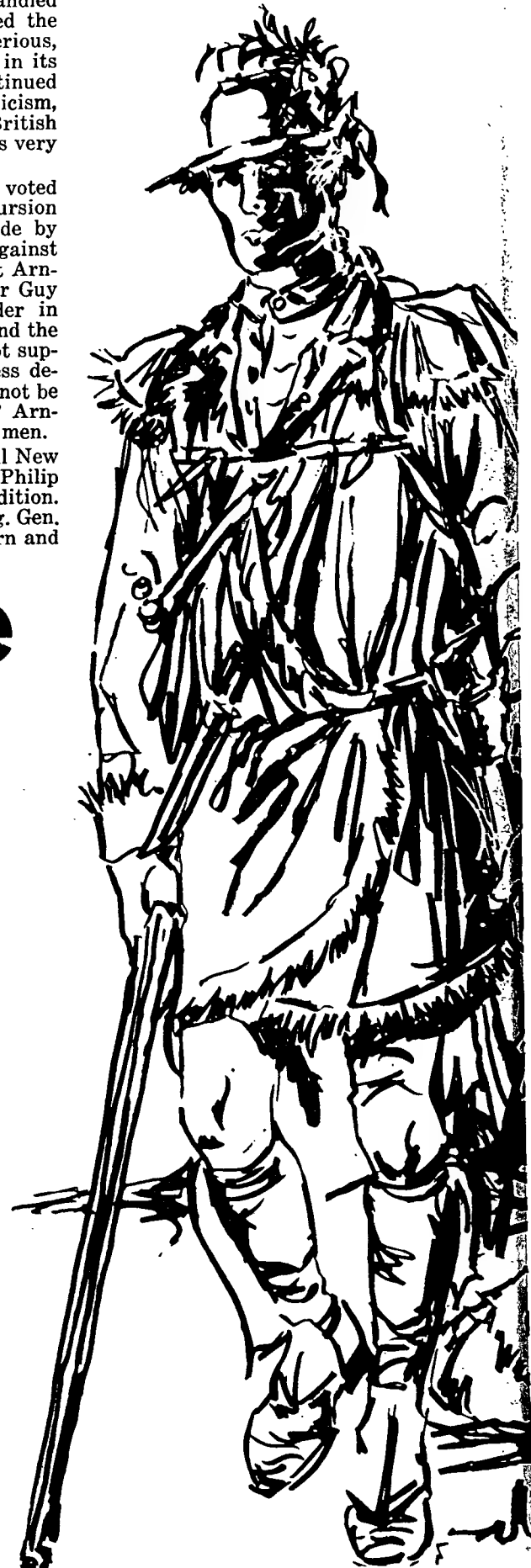
lords were still entrenched. What could the Americans offer?

Besides, the Canadians were suspicious of the Protestant Americans, who, from the start, had mishandled the whole matter. They resented the Quebec Act, but even more serious, Congress in May, 1775, implied in its appeal to the Canadians the continued establishment of Roman Catholicism, but addressing itself to the British people in October, denounced this very situation.

On June 1, 1775, Congress voted that "no expedition or incursion ought to be undertaken or made by any colony or body of colonies against or into Canada." After Benedict Arnold reported on June 13 that Sir Guy Carleton, the British commander in Canada, had only 550 regulars and the Canadians and Indians would not support Britain if invaded, Congress decided to capture Montreal "if it not be disagreeable to the Canadians." Arnold wanted to attack with 1,700 men.

Congress ordered the powerful New York Dutchman, Maj. Gen. Philip Schuyler, to command the expedition. His second-in-command was Brig. Gen. Richard Montgomery, Ulster-born and

By James K. Anderson



a British regular officer until 1772 when he resigned to live in America. Washington placed Schuyler in command of the New York department with orders to occupy the Lake Champlain country and to prevent the British Indian agent, Guy Johnson, from stirring up the Indians. His father had held the same position and his wife was the daughter of a Mohawk chief. Two others who would cause the American trouble with the Indians were Louis St. Luc de La Corne ("a fiend incarnate"), who had been Indian superintendent under the French, and Joseph Brant, a Mohawk chief.

By mid-July Johnson had been so successful in winning over the Indians with gifts of weapons and jewelry that he was ready to invade New York with 800 Indians. Another report was that he had 500 at Montreal to join the English. La Corne lured them with gunpowder and brandy.

On Aug. 23 some 700 Indians debated for three days over which side to take. Little Abraham, a leader of the Mohawks, announced they would be neutral because the British-American dispute was a "family affair." However, the Americans gained little consolation from this because they represented a minority. The bulk had joined Johnson and Brant.

In the New York lake region, Schuyler had 1,300 men at Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Fort George—all of them from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York and the Green Mountain Boys.

The men were poorly organized, hungry and infected with the characteristic New England levelling spirit that made officers ineffectual. They lacked proper clothing and weapons. Not only that but the New Englanders did not trust the New Yorkers and by extension Schuyler.

On Aug. 14 the indomitable John Brown whom Schuyler sent on an extensive reconnaissance of Canada returned with an encouraging report of British weakness, French Canadian indifference and Indian neutrality. He thought the Old Subjects would support the Americans. On Aug. 17 Schuyler went to Albany, N.Y., to meet with Indians. While he was gone, Montgomery received another report from Brown that was so optimistic that he decided to begin the invasion with the lake fleet without the commander. His plan was to follow the lakes and rivers to a point directly opposite Montreal.

Joined by another Connecticut regiment, four New York companies and additional artillery, he set off with 1,200 men on Aug. 28. Schuyler, ill, arrived at Fort Ticonderoga on Aug. 30 to follow the next day in a whale boat after sending out another 800 men to catch up with Montgomery's force.

Meanwhile, at his headquarters in Cambridge, Washington had been devising the strategy for the Canadian invasion. His plan was to attack Montreal and Quebec, 150 miles to the east of Montreal and up the St. Lawrence River, simultaneously. To reach

Quebec the quickest route would be via the Kennebec River to the Great Carrying Place, then portage 12 miles to the Dead River. After further portaging, the men would reach the St. Lawrence four miles from Quebec. This was an old Indian route the French had often used.

Unfortunately for the campaign, Washington took at face value the reports he received of the ease with which the journey could be made. Further, a map of the region to be covered through what is now Maine showed little of the hazards involved.

Washington wrote Schuyler on Aug. 20 of the Quebec plan and added that he could send 1,000 or 1,200 men. He deprecated the dangers.

To command the attack against Quebec, Washington commissioned Arnold a colonel and on Aug. 21 Arnold began arranging for the construction of 200 vessels that could carry six men each. A little more than 1,000 were recruited for the expedition. Added to the Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts men were 250 riflemen from Virginia and Pennsylvania. Woodsmen were sought especially, but most who went were ordinary farm boys.

Washington wanted particularly to know the Canadian attitude toward the Revolution and if it was not favorable to end the invasion. Respect for the Roman Catholic Church was demanded. Also Washington forbade plundering. If the weather proved too rigorous the men were to return.

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By Frank Wilson

Mayaguez Plied Oceans Since World War II

Launched in North Carolina in 1944, the *Mayaguez* is one of Sea-Land Service's three vessels named for Puerto Rican ports which they visit.

The other two are the *Ponce* and the *San Juan*.

The *Mayaguez* began her nautical career as the *Sea* and a few years later her name was changed to the *Santa Eliana*. Immediately before Sea-Land acquired her in 1960, her name was the *White Falcon*.

When the Marines helped restore American credibility by recapturing the *Mayaguez* last May from the Cambodians who seized it in their first flush of victory, most Americans were puzzled by the vessel's name.

Hastily checking their atlases, they learned that Mayaguez also is a Puerto Rican seaport on the island's west coast, noted as the site of the commonwealth's agricultural college.

An earlier generation of Americans, the founders of the V.F.W., however, would have had no trouble at all in identifying Mayaguez.

Its mention probably would summon up memories of heat, thousand-foot, almost perpendicular mountains, torrential rains, swollen rivers, sweltering heat, ever-present mud and a brief, though nearly bloodless, rugged Span-

ish-American War campaign that halted with Spain's surrender on Aug. 13, 1898.

After Spain was beaten in Cuba, the decision was made to finish off her 400-year-old American empire by invading Puerto Rico with nearly 4,000 men, among them the future poet Carl Sandburg, a 20-year-old volunteer in the 6th Illinois. Some troops had been kept aboard transports to guard against disease; others had been sent straight from the U.S.

Opposing the Americans, the Spanish had 8,233 regulars and 9,107 volunteers.

Spain had a relatively benevolent record in Puerto Rico that included the granting of home rule the year before. Besides, unlike the Cubans, the Puerto Ricans were not noted for revolutionary sentiments. Their sole uprising, at Lares 30 years earlier, lasted only one day.

Instead of landing his invasion force in the north, as the Spanish expected, Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles struck at the south at the small harbor of Guanica on July 25. The guns of the *USS Gloucester* drove off the defenders. Besides acquiring a port, the Americans gained access to a highway and railroad to Ponce to the east, the island's second largest city and port.

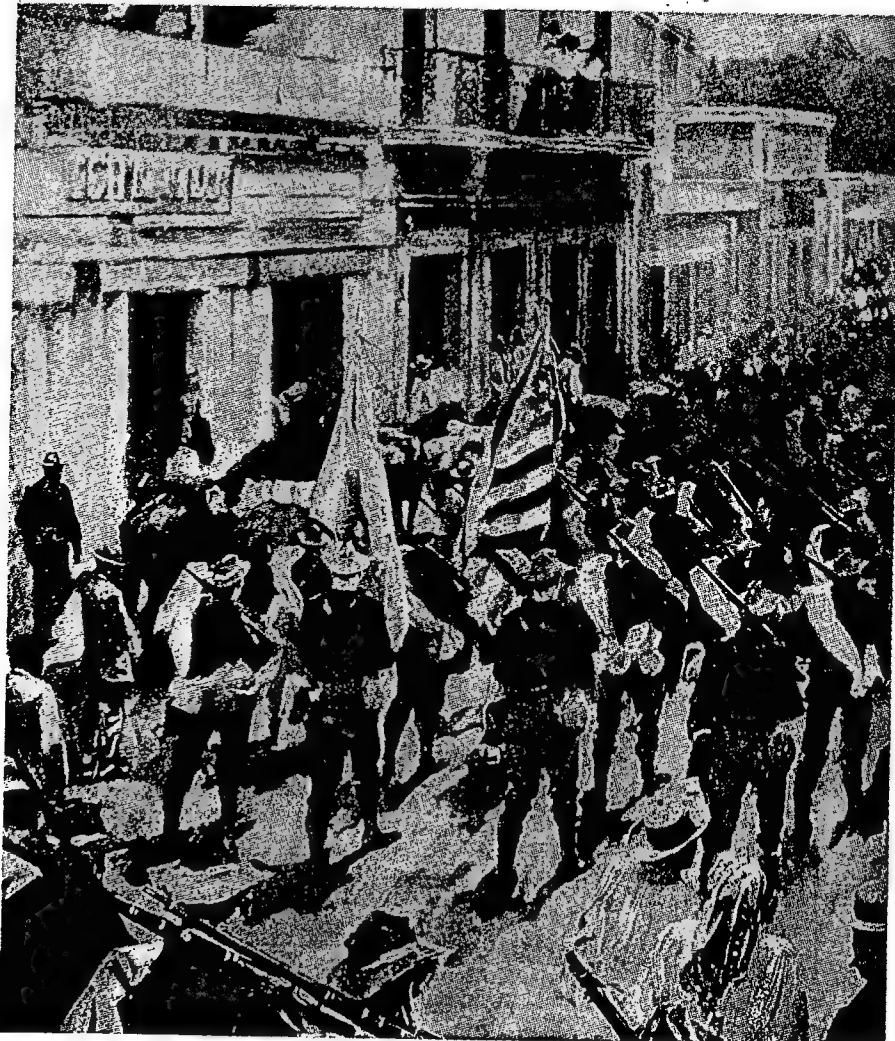
On July 27, the *USS Dixie* entered Ponce's unprotected harbor and Miles' headquarters were set up there. More troops were landed at Arroyo east of Ponce.

Miles' plan was to move the Army west, east and north, link up and force the Spanish into San Juan which he would besiege. To lead the western drive Brig. Gen. Theodore Schwan was chosen. A veteran of nearly 50 years in the Army, Schwan, a native German, received the Medal of Honor for valor during the Civil War.

He set off from Yauco, a short distance north of Guanica, along what is now a freeway, on Aug. 9 with his Independent Brigade (Regulars) consisting of 1,447 men in the 11th Infantry, Troop A of the 5th Cavalry, two companies of the 19th Infantry and two light batteries of the 5th Artillery. An equal number of Spaniards were supposed to be in Mayaguez.

The first day the Americans marched 12 miles over rough country in the broiling tropical heat along the Rio Grande until they reached their first objective, the hamlet of Savana Grande, after passing San German, now the site of Inter-American University, with 10,000 students.

A half dozen or so Puerto Ricans, led by a patriotic islander, Lugo Vina, "who," as Schwan expressed it, "proved to be a man of character and force," accompanied the brigade as guides. Vina apparently was contacted



by Capt. H. H. Whitney who made a secret reconnaissance in Puerto Rico the previous June.

Before pulling out the next morning, Schwan learned that the Spanish garrison had moved out of Mayaguez and was preparing to resist the brigade's advance.

A few miles ahead at Hormiguero the Spanish would offer the sole resistance of the Mayaguez campaign.

The brigade continued along a road that followed the river valley. The route was hilly and covered with dense foliage.

Before reaching Hormiguero, the men crossed an iron bridge over the Rio Del Rosario near where it flows into the Rio Grande. Then the cavalry ahead was fired on by Spanish scouts hidden in the underbrush flanking the road.

Since the Spanish used smokeless powder in their Mausers, they were impossible to detect. Nevertheless, the column pressed forward to take the high ground beyond, as the Spanish withdrew. At the left of the iron bridge, the infantrymen under Lt. Col. Daniel W. Burke took a knoll with the help of two Gatling guns. The cavalry moved on the Spanish flanks. The whole engagement lasted less than three hours.

Before darkness the cavalry tried to capture a railroad train but it steamed away too quickly. To make up for that loss the cavalrymen took five Spanish prisoners, one of them a wounded lieutenant.

Schwan's total casualties were one

killed and 16 wounded. Spanish losses were listed as 50 killed and wounded.

Early the next morning the brigade broke camp to continue on to Mayaguez. By 8:30 the first American scouts had entered the city of 22,000 and an hour later the hooves of the 5th Cavalry's mounts were clattering on the cobblestone streets. Schwan soon led his entire command in a parade with Flags flying and the band playing to the welcoming cheers of the townspeople. The mayor pledged his loyalty and the troops moved on out of the city in pursuit of the fleeing Spanish. Next objective was Lares, 15 miles northeast.

Schwan received reports that the Spanish were concentrating to attack the cavalry as it moved along the road and that the countryside was alive with deserters, guerrillas and bushwhackers. Not only that but heavy rains had turned the roads into such mud holes that none of the brigade's horse-drawn vehicles could make it. The two artillery pieces and caissons had to be dragged by rope.

Burke took about 700 infantrymen, plus cavalry and artillery, to reconnoiter because reports were that from 1,200 to 2,500 Spanish were near Las Marias, 2½ miles away and the only sizable town on the way to Lares.

The Spanish, however, could be seen from the 1,100 to 1,300-foot-high mountains retreating along the river valleys, strung out for about a mile and crossing the Rio Prieto and Rio Grande wherever they could. Rains had swollen the stream to four feet deep and 200 feet wide in places.

The about 700 Spanish who could

not ford the river, according to reports from the Puerto Ricans, were preparing to resist Burke's column. As it turned, however, they fled after about 20 minutes of shooting. Some drowned trying to swim the river. That night 40 prisoners were rounded up. The haul included a lieutenant-colonel.

Later the commander of the Spanish unit that had been expected to defend Mayaguez, the Alfonso XIII Regiment, Col. Julio Soto Villeneuve, was found wounded in a peasant's house.

Then Schwan got the word to stop all offensive operations. The Spanish had signed a truce agreement.

Schwan reported that his men were disappointed at this news:

"No troops had ever 'suspended' with worse grace... It seemed a pity to deprive us of the full fruits of victory for which we had labored so hard; but of course we had to bow to the inevitable."

According to Schwan's account, his brigade had marched 92 miles, captured 162 regular Spanish soldiers and 200 volunteers, as well as clearing the entire western portion of the island of hostile forces.

Back home some scoffed that the Puerto Rican campaign was a "picnic", but Miles called it "unparalleled" in that no Americans were taken prisoner, colors lost or weapons captured.

"The troops have maintained the fortitude of the American character and the honor of their arms," he said.

Seventy-seven years later the same could be said about the Marines on another Mayaguez expedition. ■

City's Name Is Of Indian Origin

Mayaguez is of Indian origin. An Indian chief, or "cacique" in the tribal tongue, had his "royal hut" near a river known as the Cacique Yagueri. With the passage of time the river's name was shortened to Yaguez, as the river bordering the city on the north and east is called. The city's founders combined "Maya" meaning "on the border of" with Yaguez to form Mayaguez.





His Job Is Tough

By Phelps Jones
Director, National Security and
Foreign Affairs, V.F.W.

In early June, 1941, an "Army brat" named George S. Brown was a 22-year-old first classman, a senior, at West Point, having completed a pre-World War II curriculum that included equitation—or, more plainly, caring for and riding horses.

Slightly over two years later, as a 24-year-old officer in the Army Air Forces, Maj. Brown, on Aug. 1, 1943, pressed home the low level B-24 attack on the oil refineries at Ploesti, Rumania, after the lead plane and 10 others were shot down. He received the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism" for his actions on that historic mission.

Soon after his 26th birthday in 1944, former Cadet Brown became a colonel. At 38, he was promoted to brigadier general. On Aug. 1, 1973, Gen. Brown became Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. Less than one year later, on July 1, 1974, he became the eighth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the second Air Force officer—the first was Gen. Nathan F. Twining—to stand at the professional pinnacle of the U.S. armed forces.

Gen. Brown has been awarded 34 U.S. and foreign decorations.

He lives easily with the demands of his position and is "looking forward

to addressing the V.F.W.'s 76th National Convention in Los Angeles."

General, professionally speaking, how did the final evacuation from Saigon go?

"It was about as difficult a job as could be assigned. In a sense, the earlier evacuation from Phnom Penh was a rehearsal for the far more intricate extraction from Saigon. As you know, once Tansonghut airport was closed, large fixed wing flights had to be ruled out and helicopters had to be used exclusively. The 'chopper' crews did a great job. Of course, in that situation a timely and accurate flow of information to civil authorities here in Washington was not easy to come by. But, on balance, as a technical operation, the evacuation was a great success.

"As to the work with refugees being done at Guam, Pendleton, Chaffee and Eglin by the armed forces, only military forces can respond to problems of this scope immediately. As such, these forces are a disciplined national asset."

In the aftermath of the war in Southeast Asia, how do you rate the morale of our armed forces? (This was before the *Mayaguez* action.)

"We have come out of a long war—which I personally believe had a tragic end—trained and combat-tested. On balance, our military has nothing to be ashamed of. As you know, military means and objectives were closely monitored to achieve political ends. 'Gradualism' was consistent with political objectives. As a country, we have nothing to be ashamed of. Our

support was both tenacious and generous. Speaking again personally, I believe it was tragic when that support was cut off. I certainly hope we don't draw into a shell. Our 41 overseas commitments reflect our dependence on free flowing international trade. Forward deployment makes sense."

We hear now of an American "Pacific Strategy" as opposed to an "Asian Strategy?"

"Well, on the Asian mainland, Thailand has asked us to reduce our presence. This question has not yet been resolved.

"The Republic of Korea is deeply concerned about the attitudes and intentions of the north. Kim IL Sung, as you know, has recently returned from Peking. There is no discussion in the Executive Branch of government on withdrawing U.S. forces in Korea.

"Our forces on Okinawa were a tremendous help during the evacuation. They performed humanitarian tasks as well as the combat role.

"As for Japan, its forces are fairly self-sufficient and are up to their admittedly limited missions.

"My recent trip to Indonesia served to demonstrate our continued interest in that part of the world. This is a nation that used its own means to defeat a Communist insurrection and it is determined that Communism will not return. Its armed forces, by the way, are very impressive.

"One last thought on Asia. For the record I would like your readership to know that the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan, as well as the Philippines and the Koreans, sent naval units to help in the evacuation. The Indonesians were just starting when the operation ended."

A way from Asia now, General, how does Israel stack up against the Arabs today?

"There is no question that the Israelis have the edge. While they lack long term staying power, there is little need for it. Of course, there is no military solution to the tensions in the Middle East. With the industrialized world experiencing an ever-growing dependence on Persian Gulf oil, resumption of hostilities would be detrimental to everybody."

What's going on in Portugal?

"Well, the State Department says the April 25 elections showed the strong democratic sentiments of the Portuguese people. However, the relationship between that expression of democratic views and government action remains to be established. Power is still centered in the Armed Forces Movement. The Azores are still very important to us, even though the Portuguese have publicly stated that we may no longer refuel there if we should again fly in support of Israel. Additionally, there is reason for con-

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World War II Ends

Although Japan did not officially surrender until Sept. 2, 1945, in ceremonies aboard the *USS Missouri*, for all practical purposes World War II ended 30 years ago on Aug. 10, the day after the atom bombing of Nagasaki.

For it was on that day that the Japanese announced they were suing for peace on the basis of the Allies' declaration at the Potsdam Conference the previous July 26 that the Japanese surrender or be destroyed.

Until the atom bombs fell on Hiroshima, Aug. 6, and Nagasaki, Aug. 9, the Japanese reaction was to ignore the Allies' demand.

On Aug. 8 the Japanese also faced another enemy, the Russians who declared war that day and began a fierce invasion of Manchuria where the 500,000-man Japanese army had been warily facing the Russians since the 1930s.

Since the series of great American naval victories that marked the nation's recovery from the shambles of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese had been forced slowly back, ever closer to their home islands.

This had been a long, bitter, grueling four years of island-by-island fighting and even then the Japanese still controlled much of China, all of Manchuria and Southeast Asia.

In October, 1944, American forces began their invasion of the Philippines, the final bit of then United States' territory that had not been recovered. It was not until the following July that Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur could announce the completion of that campaign.

The end of the war in Europe on May 8 freed thousands and thousands of Americans, Britons and Canadians for action in the Pacific, although many would be required for occupa-

tion duty in Germany and Austria. Some troops sent to Europe shortly before the German surrender were quickly diverted to the Philippines. By June and July several divisions were ready for deployment from Europe for the invasion of Japan, which was expected to exact a toll of an estimated million.

With the conclusion of the Philippines campaign, however, at least 450,000 Japanese troops had been destroyed.

Before that fighting had ceased, however, the Marines invaded Iwo Jima on Feb. 19 in one of World War II's costliest battles in which Americans were engaged. Iwo, 775 miles from Honshu, the big Japanese home island, was an important radar warning station and base for Japanese interceptors protecting Japan from B-29 raids.

The eight-square mile island was defended by 20,000 well-entrenched defenders. By the time resistance ended 26 days later there were 20,965 American casualties which included 6,281 dead. The notable flag-raising photograph taken by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Joe Rosenthal on Iwo's Mt. Suribachi has become a Marine hallmark.

Then followed Okinawa on April 1. It took some 300,000 American soldiers and Marines 82 days to crush the Japanese there. More than 110,071 Japanese dead were counted, while American dead numbered less than a 10th of this figure.

Before this, however, the fire-bombing of Tokyo begun in February from bases in the Marianas and in March 334 B-29s from Guam, Saipan and Tinian did more damage than the atom bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On March 9 some 97,000 were killed in Tokyo, 125,000 wounded and 1.2 million made homeless. Casualties in other cities were proportionately as high.

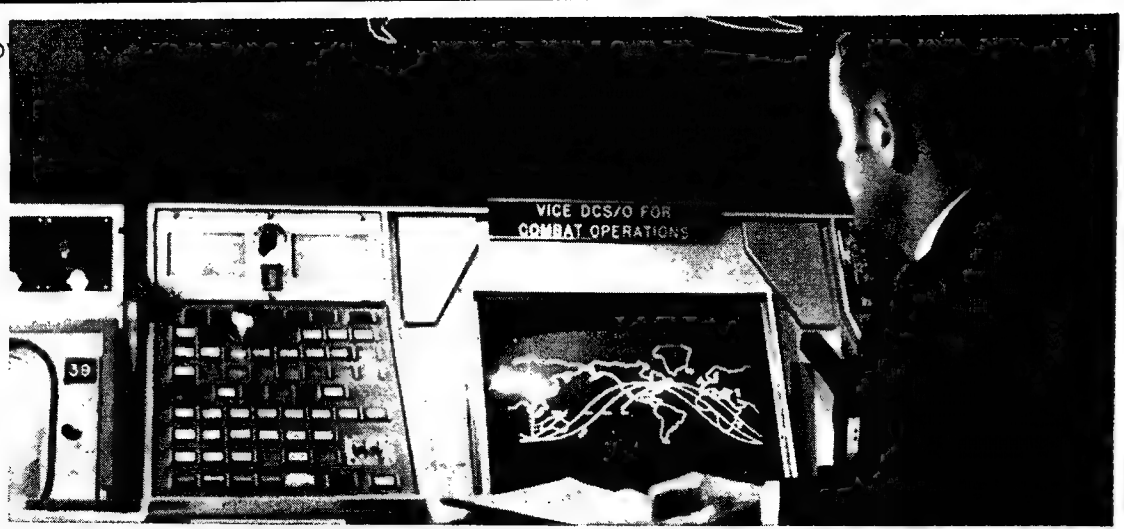
Devastating as were all these attacks on Japanese cities and the string of defeats the Japanese suffered, the final chapter was being written at Alamogordo Air Base, N.M., at dawn on July 16.

The first explosion of an atom bomb, the climax of three years' work by the world's finest scientific minds, rent the sky with its fatal mushroom cloud. The Japanese were doomed and the world entered the nuclear age.

President Harry S. Truman, who as vice president succeeded President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he died on April 12, wrote of the atom bomb that he regarded it as a military weapon and never had any doubt that it should be used.

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of U.S. Army Strategic Air Forces in the

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safeguard's A-OK

By L. L. Edge

Deep inside a hollowed-out granite outcropping in the Colorado Rockies is a self-contained city of 1,400 where the electronic eyes and ears of North American air defense are perpetually on the watch in a mass of steel buildings mounted on huge springs sufficient to absorb a nuclear shock.

Cheyenne Mountain rises 9,565 feet above downtown Colorado Springs seven miles away. Outwardly, little indicates that whatever masterminding is required in the event of a nuclear attack on this continent will come from within that mountain.

Until last April, the United States had defenses only against manned bombers and could just predict where an intercontinental ballistic missile would strike. Now, with the completion of the \$5.4 billion Safeguard system, all of North America is capable of knocking down any such ICBMs in flight. Its operations center is alongside NORAD's—the North American Air Defense Command—Combat Operations Center and the Space Defense Center and Missile Warning Center inside the big solid pile of granite.

The windowless city encompasses 4½ acres of excavated chambers. Each of the 15 buildings rests on 1,319 giant steel springs to minimize any blast shocks. In the event of war, those 1,400 employees who work around the clock 365 days a year could survive for a month on existing air, water, food and power supplies.

Begun in 1961, the \$35.5 million current construction effort concluded with Safeguard.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Center (BMDC), operated by the Continental Air Defense Command, is the darling of the Cheyenne Mountain complex right now. Operated by the Army's Safeguard Command, BMDC

would direct any missile defense battle. The actual system element is at Nekoma, N. Dak., where two unique radars, supporting automatic data processing equipment and the missiles themselves, are located. Controls and instructions, however, originate from deep within the Cheyenne complex.

The Space Detection and Tracking System has been the most popular visitor spot inside Cheyenne. Every one of the more than 3,100 objects floating around in space is continually tracked on a giant screen. Reports are maintained on when an object is scheduled to re-enter the earth's atmosphere. Of greater importance, perhaps, is the system that tracks Russian trawlers off the Atlantic seaboard and every plane, regardless of size, that flies out of Cuba. When one of those aircraft does not file a proper flight plan and nears the United States, an actual air scramble ensues.

The Space Detection center provides a steady flow of information from its global network of highly advanced radars and other satellite-watching sensor devices. The computers process the information for

the technicians, who then chart positions, plot paths and make forecasts about the space objects. The work is invaluable in warning astronauts of potential collisions, in addition to keeping an eye on what other nations are casting into the skies. Even such minutiae as bolts, tether cables and fragments that go into orbit are tracked.

Until Safeguard, the Distant Early Warning System was America's first line of defense. The DEW Line, as it is called, is a chain of 31 radars strung out over 3,338 miles in the far Arctic regions—from the Aleutians to Greenland—to watch the northern air approaches. NORAD continues to operate this warning system, of course, since it is the triggering device for Safeguard. Safeguard would not be useable unless it knew of an approaching target.

The Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS), another NORAD responsibility, predicts missile impact areas and includes three radar sites in the far north.

Cooperating totally in the over-all NORAD set-up are the Canadian





Armed Forces. For example, the Canadians operate the huge Baker-Nunn cameras that can photograph light reflected from an object the size of a basketball thousands of miles into space.

Another facet of the early warning system is the ring of seaward-looking radars watching for submarine-launched missiles on the east, west and Gulf coasts. All of this is commanded from within Cheyenne.

Since Safeguard is the newest and most awesome of the systems, however, it currently is getting much of the attention. The previous handicap was that defenses were being prepared only on the basis of knowing where unfriendly missiles would land and then retaliating. This shortcoming has been overcome with the installation of Safeguard.

Safeguard missiles are of two types, the Spartan and the Sprint. Spartan is long-range, designed to intercept approaching missiles beyond the earth's atmosphere at a distance of several hundred miles. Sprint is the short range, high acceleration weapon.

Generally, the system works this way:

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If missiles are launched against North America, Safeguard radars locate and track them and then provide data needed to sort out actual warheads from decoy devices. As this information is fed into the computers, intercept times will be determined and defensive missiles fired appropriately.

The radars at Nekoma are of two types, the perimeter acquisition radar, or PAR, and the missile site radar, or MSR. PAR handles the long distance threats; MSR utilizes the tracking data provided by PAR to guide the Safeguard missiles to intercept threatening re-entry vehicles. PAR, as high as a 12-story building, faces north as it watches in a 120-degree arc. MSR takes over when the Russian missiles are 600 to 800 miles away.

Other ground equipment includes the aforementioned data processing equipment—high speed digital computers, to be more exact. And, of course, the launchers in underground cells.

The site was named for Lt. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelsen, who commanded the U.S. Army Defense Command from 1954 to 1957.

The Safeguard system originally was planned for 12 sites but the Stra-

tegic Arms Limitation Agreement in 1972 between the Soviet Union and the United States reduced it to two. Each country agreed to limit its anti-ballistic missile defenses to two sites each, one to protect each nation's capital and the other to defend an ICBM complex. The treaty was ratified by the Senate in July of that year and has unlimited duration with withdrawal rights, if supreme interests are jeopardized and on six months' notice. Last year, it was agreed to limit sites to one each.

The missiles themselves are surface-to-air types, with supersonic speeds. The Spartan is a three-stage, solid fuel propulsion missile; the Sprint is two-stage. Both are guided by radar from ground command and all tests have been completed on each. The 55-foot-long Spartan (with booster) has over 450,000 pounds of thrust. However, no figures have been released on the 27-foot Sprint.

The system was installed by some of the nation's most impressive contractors—Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric, IBM, General Electric, Hercules and Thiokol among them.

Currently commanding the NORAD operation and the Continental Air Defense, as well, is Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Jr. Canadian Lt. Gen. Richard Stoval is deputy NORAD commander.

Visitors may tour the underground facilities at Cheyenne by obtaining written permission through the headquarters at Ent Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. Entrance to the giant city under the mountain is through a tunnel at the north end of the excavation off Colorado State Highway 115. The tunnel travels about a third of a mile before a brace of steel blast doors are reached. Weighing 50 tons, the doors are encased in 17-foot-thick concrete collars. Television cameras monitor the entrance continually.

Once inside the massive doors, the visitor receives a general briefing on the operations of all the facilities inside, including the Air Force's Air Weather Service, the U.S. Defense Civil Preparedness National Warning Center and the various support and communications groups. Then a tour of non-clearance projects follows. This includes a look at the big tracking screen that shows NORAD activities throughout the continent. In the space detection center, a room with the list of everything circling overhead is viewed. Since last April visitors have been able to see the Safeguard operations room.

Thus, America's shored-up defense capabilities are now on public display. Only time will tell whether Safeguard's deterrent ability suffices to the extent that it will never have to be used. ■

Proposed Amendments To National By-Laws

The following proposed amendments are published in accordance with Article XIII of the By-Laws for consideration by the 76th National Convention



B-1

Proposed by Department of Pacific Areas
Section 101—Eligibility

Amend Section 101, National By-Laws, by deleting the first line of paragraph one and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Anyone who has served honorably as an officer or enlisted person."

Amend Section 101 further by deleting the word "men" in line three of the second paragraph and inserting the word "persons" in lieu thereof.

B-2

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 216—Officers, Elected and Appointed

Amend Section 216, National By-Laws, by deleting the words "Patriotic Instructor" wherever they appear and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Americanism Chairman."

B-3

Proposed by Department of Minnesota
Section 216—Officers, Elected and Appointed

Amend Section 216, National By-Laws, by the addition to paragraph (b) of the words "Post National Home Chairman" following the words "Post Hospital Chairman."

B-4

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 312—Arrearages

Amend Section 312, National By-Laws, by the addition of a second paragraph as follows:

"A County Council failing to submit a quarterly audit shall be deprived of all representation in District meetings and conventions and Department conventions. All rights shall be restored promptly upon proper filing of the quarterly audit."

B-5

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 316—County Council Officers, Elected and Appointed

Amend Section 316, National By-Laws, by the addition of a paragraph at the end of the present Section, stating:

"An Americanism Chairman shall be appointed by the County Council Commander."

B-6

Proposed by Commander-in-Chief
Section 401—Formation, Chartering

Amend Section 401, National By-Laws, by deleting the second paragraph in its entirety.

B-7

Proposed by Department of Pacific Areas
Section 411—District Dues.

Amend Section 411, National By-Laws, line two, by deleting the words "twenty-five cents" and inserting the following in lieu thereof: "one dollar."

B-8

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 414—District Officers, Elected and Appointed

Amend Section 414, National By-Laws, by the addition of a paragraph at the end of the present Section, stating:

"(c) An Americanism Chairman shall be appointed by the District Commander."

B-9

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Article IV—DISTRICTS

Amend Article IV, National By-Laws, by the addition of a new Section 420 as follows:

"Section 420—Arrearages.
"The Commander of the District in arrears for Supply money or other financial obligations, or failing to have the Quartermaster bonded, or failing to submit quarterly District Trustees Report of Audit shall be deprived of all representation at Department Conventions. All rights shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiencies."

B-10

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 515—Department Officers, Elected and Appointed

Amend Section 515, National By-Laws, by adding after the words "Legislative Officer" in paragraph (b) the words "Americanism Chairman."

B-11

Proposed by Commander-in-Chief
Section 521—Council of Administration—Composition, Powers and Duties

Amend Section 521, National By-Laws, by deleting the last sentence of paragraph (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"In the Departments of District of Columbia, Panama Canal Zone, Alaska and Hawaii the Commanders of all Posts in good standing shall be voting members of the Department Council of Administration. Other Departments having a membership of 5,000 or less may adopt By-Laws to include all Post Commanders as voting members of the Department Council of Administration."

Further amend Section 521, National By-Laws, by deleting the second sentence of paragraph (i) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"In those Departments where Post Commanders are voting members of the Council of Administration, such Post Commanders shall not be counted in determining a quorum."

B-12

Proposed by Department of District of Columbia
Section 606—Solicitation of Funds

Amend Section 606 of the National By-Laws by deleting all material after the title and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"No funds or donations shall be solicited by the National Organization directly from any individual member or group of members at any level of the organization. As an exception, mailed solicitation of annual dues by the National Organization shall continue as heretofore, and no restriction shall be placed on fund activities of the National Home."

B-13

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 608—Officers, Elected and Appointed

Amend Section 608, National By-Laws, by deleting in paragraph (b) the words "Patriotic Instructor" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Americanism Chairman."

B-14

Proposed by Department of Minnesota
Section 702—Politics

Amend Section 702, National By-Laws, by adding the following material after the words "unlawful means" at the end of the first paragraph:

"except that in the event that any person, political party, or legislative body proposes legislation that will deprive the veterans of our nation of the rights granted to them by law, or when it is necessary to make public notice, or to take political action to attain or maintain the rights to which all veterans are entitled, it shall be the right of Posts, Districts or Departments to take proper political action to secure or defend those rights."

AMENDMENTS NOT IN PROPER FORM

Proposed amendments to the National By-Laws which were not submitted in proper form or which conflict with the Constitution or other Sections of the By-Laws are not published in the V.F.W. Magazine. The following are in this category:

California—Free Life Membership for Spanish-American War Veterans.
Pacific Areas—Eligibility, Ladies Auxilliary.

Proposed Amendments To Manual Of Procedure

The following proposed amendments are published for consideration by the 76th National Convention

M—1

Proposed by Department of Pacific Areas
Section 101—Eligibility

Amend Section 101, Manual of Procedure, by deleting that portion of the second paragraph up to and including the word "man" in line three, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Anyone who has served honorably as an officer or enlisted person."

Amend Section 101 further by deleting the word "men" in line three of the third paragraph and inserting the word "persons" in lieu thereof.

Amend Section 101 further by deleting the words "male officers or enlisted men" in the second paragraph below the heading "ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS" and inserting in lieu thereof:

"officers or enlisted personnel."

Amend Section 101 further by deleting the words "male" or "men" wherever they may appear and inserting the word "persons" in lieu thereof.

M—2

Proposed by Department of Illinois
Section 104—Admission Fees and Dues

Amend Section 104, Manual of Procedure, by the addition of the following at the end of the second sentence of the second paragraph:

"Except that he shall transmit one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the current annual Department and National Dues payable for all new members recruited in the months of April, May and June along with the \$1.00 admission fee."



M—3

Proposed by Department of Pennsylvania
Section 212—Defunct Posts

Amend Section 212, Manual of Procedure, by deleting in the first paragraph the words "ten (10)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-five (25)."

M—4

Proposed by Department of Pennsylvania
Section 217—Nomination, Election, Installation and Term of Office

Amend Section 217, Manual of Procedure, by deleting from the fifth paragraph the words "due notice of such election to be mailed to all members in good standing."

M—5

Proposed by Department of Michigan
Section 318—Duties and Powers of Officers.

Amend Section 318, Manual of Procedure, "Duties of County Trustees and Other Officers" by deleting paragraph (a) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"(a) The Trustees shall audit the books of the County Council Quartermaster quarterly and reports of such audit shall be furnished to the Department as required of Posts."

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Proposed by Department of Oklahoma
Section 803—Uniforms, Badges and insignia.

Amend Section 803, Manual of Procedure, by deleting the 8th paragraph in its entirety, inserting the following material in lieu thereof:

"A U. S. Flag patch will be worn on the left sleeve of the jacket, at the shoulder, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the shoulder seam. A wartime divisional insignia may be placed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the U. S. Flag patch."

"On the right sleeve of the jacket, at the shoulder, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the shoulder seam, an embroidered V.F.W. insignia will be worn. It shall be optional to wear appropriate Post lettering $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the V.F.W. insignia."

Information About Proposed Amendments

Section 1301 of the National By-Laws states:

"These By-Laws may only be amended or altered by the National Convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting thereof; provided, that such amendments have been forwarded, through channels, have been properly approved and have been proposed by a Post, a County Council, a Department, or have been recommended by a National officer and written notice thereof, together with a copy of the proposed amendment, has been given each Post by the Adjutant General in the official journal of the Organization at least 15 days before the assembling of the National Convention."

"All amendments adopted at any National Convention according to the provisions of this section shall take effect thirty days after the final adjournment of the National Convention at which they were adopted."

Because of the publication requirement, amendments to By-Laws must be considered in the exact form in which they were submitted and must be accepted or rejected in that form. They cannot be changed in Committee or on the Convention floor.

Information On Proposed Amendments To Manual

The Manual of Procedure contains all of the material in the By-Laws as well as additional explanatory material.

A change in the By-Laws, therefore, automatically changes the Manual of Procedure and it is not necessary to act individually on the corresponding Manual change.

The explanatory information in the Manual of Procedure may be amended by the National Convention as long as it does not conflict with the corresponding By-Law. Such amendments only require a majority vote.

The Manual of Procedure may also be amended by the National Council of Administration where, in its judgment, clarification is required.

On Nov. 2, 1973, Mariner 10 began its history-making voyage with a boost into space by an Atlas-Centaur launched from the Kennedy Space Center. After a short stay in parking orbit the Centaur second stage started up again hurling the probe off toward Venus.

Then trouble developed. A balky heater made it look as if the cameras would freeze up. If this happened the probe would be unable to achieve the main purpose of its flight.

To test its cameras, Mariner 10 snapped pictures of the earth and the north pole of the moon as the probe hurtled away from earth at 25,255 miles per hour. These pictures showed scientists what the views of Venus and Mercury might look like. They expected swirling clouds like those of earth on Venus and craters like the moon's on Mercury.

After three months of space flight Mariner 10 came within 3,600 miles of Venus on Feb. 5, 1974. The probe approached Venus from the night side so its two TV cameras were not to be

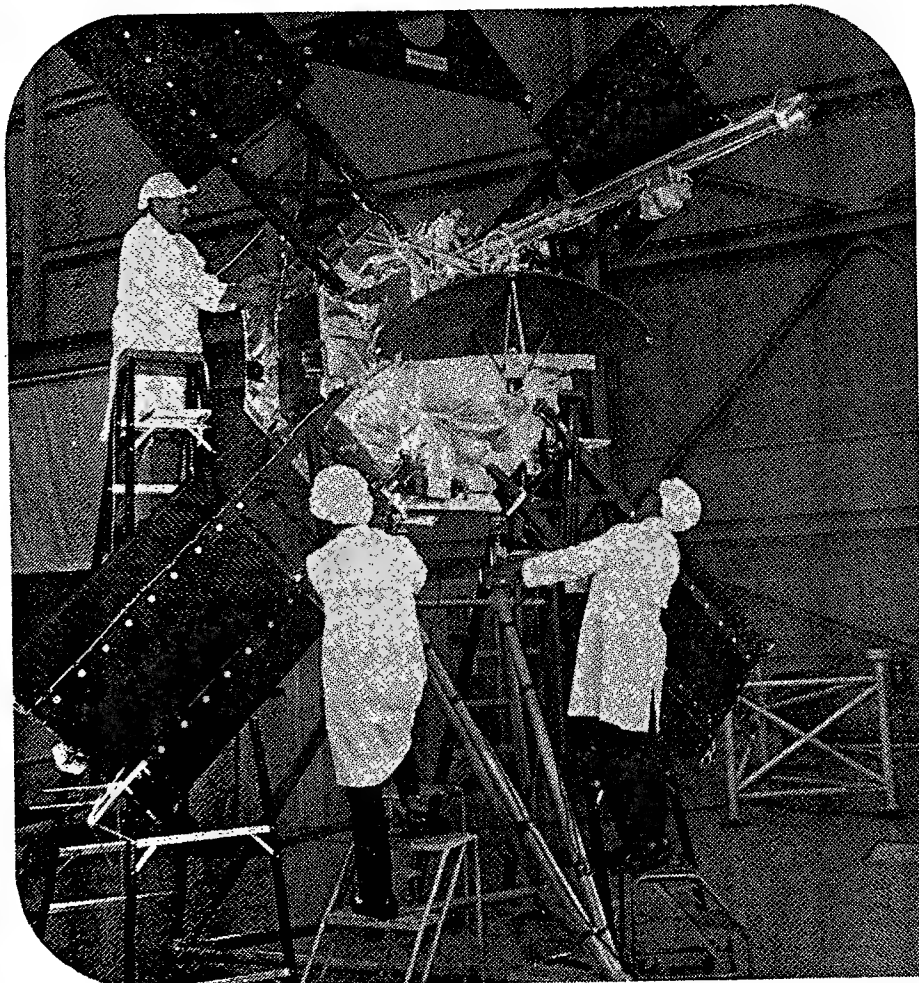
When Mariner 10 completed its third fly-by of Mercury last March 16, it was the culmination of a highly successful trip which included a fly-by of Venus as well.

During these four fly-bys, Mariner 10 snapped the first close-up pictures of these two planets. It was the first probe to reach Mercury. Although others had visited Venus, its thick cover prevented them from taking photos.

Originally Mariner 10 was planned to make a single fly-by of Mercury just as it did of Venus. However, the Italian astrophysicist Giuseppe Colombo discovered that Mariner 10 could make several more fly-bys of Mercury. The trick was to put Mariner 10 into a 176-day orbit of the sun. Since this is exactly twice Mercury's 88-day earth year, every time Mariner 10 circled the sun twice it would fly-by Mercury again.

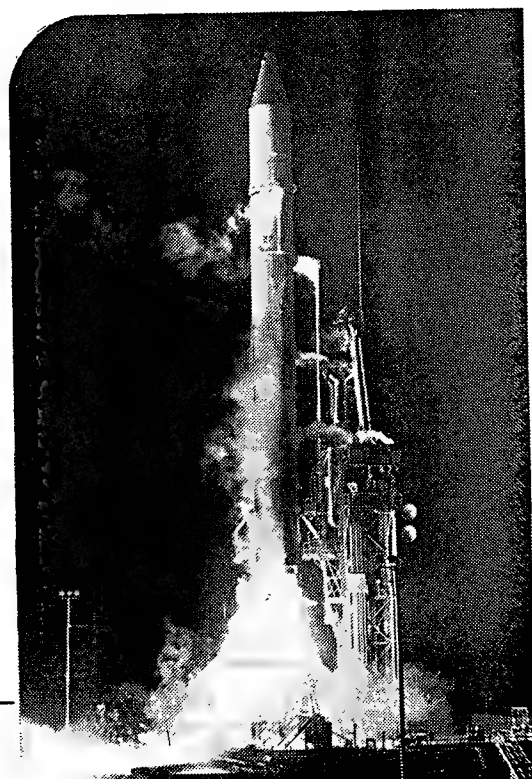
turned on until it came near its closest approach to the planet. As the scientists expected, the pictures of Venus looked much like those of earth taken from space. However no continents were seen beneath Venus' clouds, because Venus is smothering under a

boost to mercury



thick blanket of impenetrable clouds. Still the photographs were quite valuable to scientists. They showed a variety of hazy upper clouds spread across the dark blanket beneath.

Strangely, Venus seemed to be looking back at Mariner 10 with a great white "eye" of swirling clouds above its south pole. Around this eye were delicate streaks of clouds looking much like the cirrus clouds seen high in the skies of earth. Around Venus'



equator is a belt of dry storm clouds because Venus is virtually waterless.

While the television cameras were taking pictures, other instruments aboard Mariner 10 were taking Venus' temperature, as well as studying the makeup of the clouds which are nothing like those of earth. The previous two American Mariner probes, the three Russian Venera probes and observatories on earth have found little or no water vapor on Venus.

Nor can the clouds be dust because the high winds needed to whip up so much dust would have worn down the high mountains found on Venus by radar beams. The Venus atmosphere of nearly 90% carbon dioxide traps the heat of the sun like a giant, planet-wide greenhouse. This "greenhouse effect" makes Venus an oven. Mariner 2 found the temperatures just below Venus' clouds to be 200° F. during its fly-by on Dec. 14, 1962. Venera 4 reported temperatures of 518° F. just before it was crushed by the Venus air pressure, 100 times as great as earth's.

Mariner 10 checked on these pressures from the safety of its fly-by path. Shortly after its closest approach to Venus, the probe disappeared behind the planet and reappeared a few minutes later. During this passage the Jet Propulsion Laboratories scientists listened to see how the probe's radio signals faded out and faded back in again. This told them how the Venusian atmosphere increases in thickness from its outer fringes to the planet's surface.

Mariner 10 passed by Venus at just the right distance and speed getting a kind of roller coaster ride. As it neared Venus the Venusian gravity speeded it up just as a roller coaster car roaring down one slope picks up enough speed to coast up the next slope. Mariner 10 was obviously not riding on rails like a roller coaster car so it had to use its rocket engine for a pair of slight course corrections as it headed toward Mercury.

After leaving Venus, Mariner 10 began traveling closer to the sun than any other probe had ever come. As the heat increased, the wing-like solar panels tilted so that the sun rays no longer struck them directly. This allowed them to cool just as earth's tilt away from the sun cools us during the winter. Venetian blind-like louvers closed to protect the probe's delicate instruments.

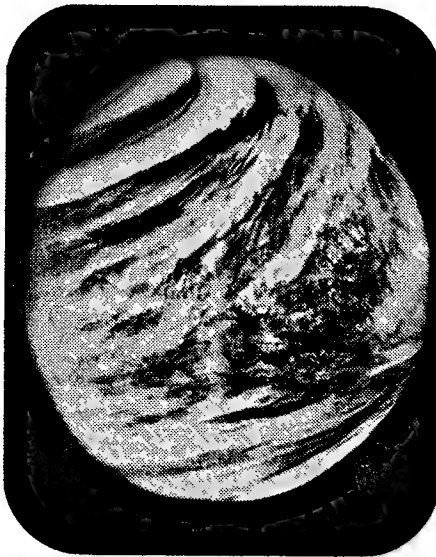
While Mariner 10 coasted between the planets, its instruments were measuring radiation and magnetism in interplanetary space. This information, combined with the data from other probes, gave scientists a picture of what space is like all the way from Mercury to Jupiter—an area nearly one billion miles across.

As Mariner 10 approached Mercury March 29, 1974, its photographs showed about half the planet lighted

by the sun. Sweeping to within 400 miles of Mercury, Mariner 10 sent back pictures showing that planet as clearly as telescopes see the moon from earth.

This was the first time astronomers had seen anything but the faintest markings on Mercury, which is only 36 million miles from the sun, or about three times as close as earth. Thus Mercury is usually lost in the sun's glare and is never seen later than very early evening or very early morning.

The astronomers were not surprised when Mariner 10's photos showed that Mercury is covered with craters like the moon and Mars. However, Mercury's craters appear to have been worn down by some kind of weathering. There are also cliffs and valleys. Some of Mercury's valleys are straight



and others twist and turn as if they had been carved by water.

Yet there is no water on Mercury and its helium atmosphere is far too thin to cause any weathering. In fact, it is so thin that an astronaut on Mercury would not even notice it.

Perhaps the weathering and the river-like valley twistings were caused by Mercury's extreme temperatures. Mariner 10 reported that Mercury's temperature drops 1,000° at night from a daytime high of 650° F. to -280° F. Such rapid cooling would cause the rocks to crack and crumble.

The scientists got a surprise when Mariner 10 reported that Mercury had a weak magnetic field. This was a complete surprise to the scientists. They did not believe Mercury could have a magnetic field like earth's, which is believed to be generated by the 1,000 mile-per-hour rotation at the equator. This dynamo effect on earth's liquid core creates the magnetic field. Mercury, however, turns too slowly to duplicate this even if it were to have a liquid core. The JPL

scientists are sure Mercury's core is iron, but they are uncertain whether it is liquid.

Mariner 10 made its second fly-by of Mercury last Sept. 21. This time it passed over the sunny side of Mercury at 29,814 miles which was too distant to check on the magnetic field. During the 176 earth days since Mariner 10's first pass, Mercury turned around almost three times so the same side was facing the sun again. Thus Mariner 10's photos on this second fly-by showed some new parts of Mercury and some already seen.

The steering jet fuel aboard Mariner 10 began running low after this second pass, but the probe made a third fly-by of Mercury last February. On this final look the probe came within 200 miles of Mercury's north pole and took 300 more pictures. It showed Mercury does have a magnetic field.

The question now is what caused this magnetic field? Mercury's iron core could be a giant bar magnet of permanently magnetized material. However, Norman Ness, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center, points out in *Science News* of March 22, 1975, "this requires a very special sequence of events occurring during the formation and evolution of the planet."

He favors the idea of a dynamo effect. But what could be causing it? Could it be circulation within the liquid iron core of Mercury or the wobbling of Mercury's axis? Besides, how did Mercury come to have a liquid iron core?

NASA scientists and others are now studying the data sent back by Mariner 10 to see if they can answer these questions. These answers will add to our knowledge of magnetism and could even have some practical applications here on earth.

If the scientists cannot find answers in Mariner 10's data, they will have to wait until the late 1980s for another chance. Venus will not be lined up properly before this to give a space probe a boost to Mercury with its gravity. Without this assist it would take either a much larger rocket or a much smaller space probe to make the direct flight to Mercury. Neither of which NASA is planning to do. It is also unlikely that any other nation will be making any direct flights to Mercury very soon.

Incidentally, the next probe NASA launches to Venus and Mercury will be larger than Mariner 10, thanks to the space shuttle which can carry 65,000 pounds into low earth orbit. This is more than the weight of Mariner 10 and its Centaur booster.

Thus, while making the most out of its mission, Mariner 10's three fly-bys of Mercury paved the way for even bigger and better probes to come. ■

The King is a Queen



Capt. Micki King



Micki and her team

By Douglas E. Stewart

The first classman at the U.S. Air Force Academy had reason to be troubled as he gazed at the water in the gym's 25-meter swimming pool.

He couldn't swim.

This shortcoming was all that would prevent him from graduating and becoming a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force.

If anyone could help him, Capt. King could, a two-time All-American water-polo player, a former intercol-

legiate diving champion, winner of a Gold Medal at the 1972 Olympics and now an academy swimming instructor.

The next hour passed quickly. The instructor frequently dove into the water, demonstrating the various strokes the cadet was trying so desperately to learn. Capt. King constantly talked to him, pushed, pleaded and cajoled. At the end of the period, knowing that he had to do it, he swam an entire length of the pool for the first time. His face registered glee as the classmates who gathered around the pool to urge him on broke into applause. He knew he had a long way to go, but he would do it.

From the other end of the pool the captain's voice rang out.

"One question. May I have the first dance at the Graduation Ball?"

The question was not as strange as it may seem, for the instructor, in addition to being an officer, athlete and coach, is indisputably a woman.

Meet Capt. King, United States Air Force.

Micki King received her commission when she was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1966. While there she had blossomed into a nationally-known athlete, winning three intercollegiate diving titles, swimming on two successful relay teams, and performing as an All-American goalie on the Ann Arbor Swim Club's national champion water-polo team. She entered the Air Force after deciding

the service offered her both a challenging career and a chance to expand her athletic horizons. The decision has proved beneficial to Micki as well as the Air Force.

Her first assignment was as a member of the ROTC cadre at her alma mater, then a special services officer at Los Angeles Air Force Base. In March, 1973, she was assigned to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs where she became scheduling officer for the department of athletics, later assuming her present duties as coach of the Air Force diving team.

Her athletic career has kept pace with her military one. She has won 10 AAU diving titles, competed in two Pan-American games, and was the only American diver to compete in both the 1968 and 1972 Olympics.

What happened at the first of those Olympics is a story best told in her own words:

"I had never felt so excited in my life as I did at Mexico City in 1968. To compete at the Olympic level, you must peak both mentally and physically at exactly the right time. I thought I had reached my peak and felt that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I wanted to win so badly I could taste it, and I thought that I would never have such a golden opportunity again."

What happened next was observed by the millions of Americans watching the Olympics on national television. Going into her ninth and next to last dive, Micki was in excellent position to make a run at the Gold Medal.

Poised on the end of the three-meter board, she prepared to do the reverse one and a half somersault she thought would vault her into the lead in the competition. She shot from the board and her remarkably powerful leg muscles sent her soaring high above it. Then she went into the somersault she never completed. As she began her descent towards the water, her left arm struck the board. This ruined the dive and cost the points she needed to win. Not only that but the broken ulna bone she suffered in that dive kept Micki from diving for over a year. In a remarkable display of courage and character she insisted on attempting her final dive in spite of her intense pain and disappointment. Al-

though that final attempt failed to win her a medal, it did win her friends and admirers throughout the U.S. and the world.

"After that injury," Micki recalls, "I didn't think I'd ever dive again. I'd prepared for years for the Olympics and had wanted to give it my best shot—and I'd messed it all up. I had no one to blame but myself.

"I concentrated on my duties at Los Angeles Air Force Base and tried to forget about diving. On a whim, I went to watch the National AAUs at Long Beach. It was the first national championship I hadn't entered in eight years. Seeing all those athletes I had competed with and against for so many years made me realize how badly I missed diving. I didn't know if I



could still do it, but I knew I had to try."

The rest is history. After three years of rigorous training Micki won the Gold Medal in the three-meter event at Munich on her final dive with a brilliant one and one-half somersault with one and one-half twists, the same dive she had insisted on doing with a broken arm in Mexico City.

Since then Micki King has embarked on a new career as the most successful diving coach in America.

Her current pupils include Lt. Phil Boggs, reigning world three-meter champion; Jim Henry, a long-time national champion and bronze medalist in the 1968 Olympics, and Cadet Rick McAllister, who last year became the first male ever to be coached to an NCAA championship by a woman. Recently Micki became the only woman ever to coach a team to a national diving championship, an honor won by her Air Force divers.

Although she no longer dives competitively, Micki is still involved in athletics as a member of the board of directors of the United States Olympic Committee and founder of the Olympics Advisory Council. Recently she placed third in the first Women's Superstars Competition. Amazingly enough she also finished third in the previously all male World Military Games. Most of her time, however, is devoted to coaching and teaching at the Air Force Academy.

Let's observe Micki at work:

At the diving area of the pool she began working with Lt. Phillip (Flip) Boggs, a prime contender for a Gold Medal at the 1976 Olympics. As he went through a series of practice dives, which seemed to a casual observer to be letter-perfect, Capt. King's criticism rang through the gym.

Although the two are long-time friends, Flip seemed exasperated as he went through dive after dive, only to be told that his take-off had been weak or his entry sloppy. He finally snapped off a beautiful dive that prompted Micki to whisper to an onlooker: "If he keeps that up he's a shoo-in for the '76 medal, but I can't tell him that. Got to keep him working."

As Boggs climbed from the pool his face bore an expression of extreme pleasure. Micki's voice changed that expression as she said, suppressing a smile, "That's a good dive, Flip, very good—but we're not talking about being good. We're talking about being the best."

With a rueful grin, Boggs climbed the ladder and tried it again.

Relaxing after graduation ceremonies, Hank Egan, Falcons' basketball coach, said:

"If it had been anyone but Micki who became the first woman coach here there might have been a problem. Some people thought her Gold Medal might cause some envy and others felt that the fact that she is a woman might cause some resentment, but they were wrong: What you have to remember about Micki is that she is, in every sense of the word, a professional, and that's what the Academy is all about. You can ask anybody—she's a real pro."

Ask, for example, our first classman, who won his diploma and second lieutenant's bars a few weeks ago.



vfw in action

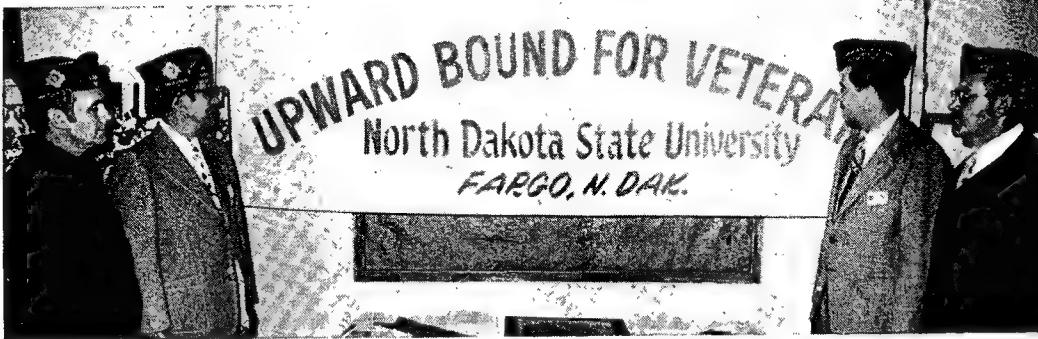
"This is by far the most successful veterans' workshop of its kind that I have ever participated in."

Those were the words John R. Moses, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, used to describe the two-day program sponsored by Eau Claire, Wis., Post 305.

The workshop brought together representatives of Eau Claire organizations engaged in veterans' activ-

tional Rehabilitation; Maurita Smith, Eau Claire County Veterans Service Officer; Kathy Tvaruzka, Wisconsin Information Service; Jim Harrington, Wisconsin State Job Service, and Robert Johnson, Small

Looking over the program for Post 305, Eau Claire, Wis., Veterans Information Days are (L-R) Brian A. Johnson, Robert C. Berg, Wisconsin Veterans Affairs; John R. Moses, Wisconsin Veterans Affairs secretary, and David A. Zien, workshop coordinator.



North Dakota State University's Upward Bound program for veterans was on display at the North Dakota Department convention in West Fargo. Observing are (L-R), the Rev. William C. Sherman, National Chaplain; Walter Thompson, National Chief of Staff; Commander-in-Chief John J. Stang, and James G. Rosendahl, Inspector General. Upward Bound prepares veterans to pass high school equivalency examinations or enter college.

ities to learn more about veterans' benefits and procedures each one follows and to become acquainted with one another.

In addition, many VA claims were initiated and processed.

Nearly 500 veterans participated in the two-day workshop held at Post 305 on the second day and at a school on the first.

To promote information about the workshop, Post 305 gained the cooperation of the area's 37 newspapers and five radio stations.

David A. Zien, of Post 305, a Marine veteran of the Vietnam War, was conference coordinator.

Participants in addition to Moses included Robert C. Berg, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs; Lawrence Opheim, Wisconsin Department of Vocational

Business Administration.

Zien said the workshop could provide a model for

use by veterans' organizations in other parts of the country.



A member of Post 6773 Auxiliary in Union City, Pa., Mrs. Margaret Goodwill, presents a 13-star flag to Carl Blakeslee, Post Service Officer. Mrs. Goodwill sewed the flag which will fly beneath the 50-star Flag over the Post Home during the Bicentennial.

One older veteran commented:

"I've learned more and got more straightened out here today than I have in the last 20 years."

For their devoted service to the V.F.W., three members of Post 357 in Schenectady, N.Y., have been made life members of the organization.

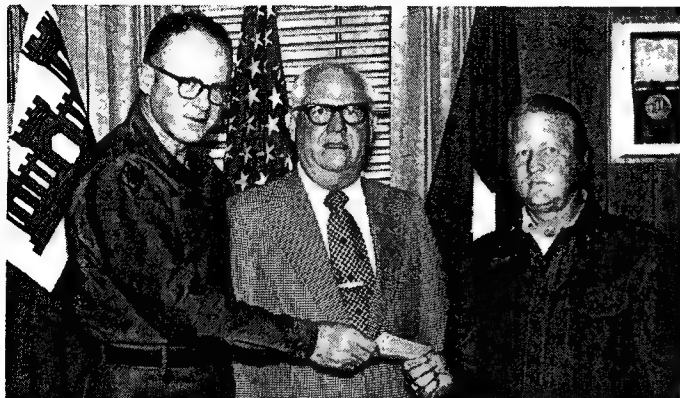
They are William F. Kieft, a charter member who joined in 1920; Joseph Memolo, a charter member and first Post Commander, and James A. Wilson, immediate Past Post Commander.



One of Cleveland's best known V.F.W. members, Chester Koch (R), receives the V.F.W. Distinguished Service Award Medal and Citation from Alvin R. Casenhiser, National Council of Administration member, on behalf of Commander-in-Chief John J. Stang. More than 500 persons, including Cleveland civic leaders, attended the event honoring Koch.

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SPOTLIGHT ON POSTS AND PEOPLE



Maj. Gen. John G. Waggener, (L) commander of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., receives his V.F.W. membership from Hank Veach, (R) Commander, Post 3176. With them is Missouri Department Commander Herbert Droege.



Pete Stankovich (R), said to be the oldest member of Post 892 in Salem, Ohio, sells a Buddy Poppy to a utility company truck driver. Stankovich has been one of the Post's most active Poppy salesmen for many years.

The presentation of life memberships was made at the annual election and installation of new Post officers.

When Wilson was elected to his first term of Post Commander in 1973, Post 357 had only three life members. Now the Post expects to obtain its perpetual charter as soon as the application for its 25th life member is processed.

When a tornado swept through Neosho, Mo., leaving \$12 million worth of damage in its path, Post 4142's Home was one of the small city's buildings that was destroyed.

Since then, Post 4142, named for M. Waldo Hat-

ler, a World War I Medal of Honor winner, has been busily attempting to rebuild its ruined Home.

Last Memorial Day, the Post held its annual memorial services and, writes Commander James T. Williams, the footings were dug for a new building.

"The members of our Post cannot visualize or tolerate Neosho without an active V.F.W. Post," he

tribution to civic and veteran organizations in memory of a deceased veteran.

The presentation of 16 of the Flags to the Cambria County Senior Activities Center was covered by the *Johnstown Tribune Democrat*, which ran a large picture of Kessler turning the Flags over to Carol Zilke, the center's program director, and Art Ankeny, the executive director.



Loyalty Day queens of Post 775, Ottumwa, Iowa, pose with their trophies. They are Christine Foster and Flora Adams. With them are Joe T. Lord, Post Loyalty Chairman, and Iowa Department Commander Walter Starr.

writes. "We had a mere \$12,000 in insurance, but nevertheless work has begun on a skeleton building. The inside work will be finished as funds become available."

The Post's mascot, a Labrador retriever named Homer, lost an eye when the storm carried him eight miles from Neosho, but he succeeded in making his way back to the ruined Home.

Bernard Kessler, Americanism Chairman of the 26th District of Pennsylvania, collected 85 burial Flags in Johnstown for dis-

District 26 comprises Cambria, Indiana and Armstrong Counties.

"Carl King Day" was observed over the Memorial Day holiday in Sturgis, Mich., honoring King, a member of V.F.W. Post 1355 for 39 years.

King was singled out for the special tribute for 95 years' combined service to Post 1355 and other veterans organizations. He served as Post Commander in 1938-39 and exactly 10 years later.

Among King's accom-

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Scott Zillioux (L) receives a savings bond from Edward D. Cookenham, Commander, Post 368, Utica, N.Y., as retired Navy Capt. Charles K. Schmidt looks on. The youth was chosen for his patriotism, personal conduct and leadership in the Naval Junior ROTC at Notre Dame High School.

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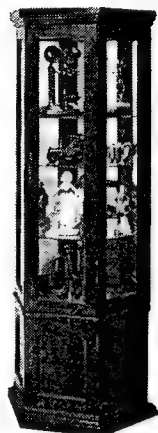
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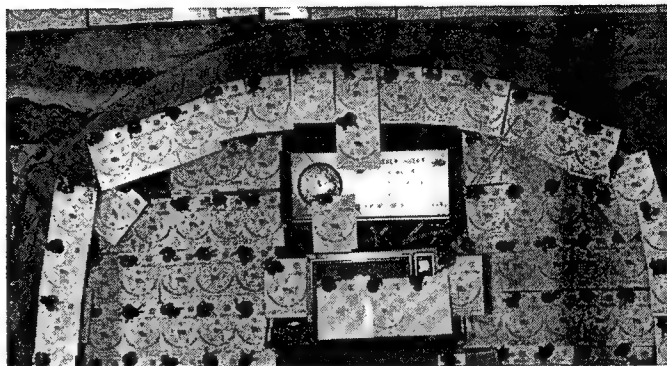


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plishments are continuous service in the Post firing squad and honors team and participation in 303 funerals of deceased veterans as of last Memorial Day, according to Post Commander James Shoup, who added that records date back only to 1951.

In addition, King served in 31 Memorial and Armi-

ment of Michigan, which remodeled it and provided new chairs and equipment.

Every Saturday two graduate students from the University of Michigan School of Orthodontics clean and care for the residents' teeth. They do everything except root canals and extractions that require surgery.



A baseball autographed by Hank Aaron is presented to Lee Dale, a paralyzed veteran, at the Memphis VA Hospital, by Bennie Leviton, Sr. Vice Commander, Post 684, Memphis, while a nurse, Dorothy Lacey, and John Byrd, hospital director, watch.

stice Days and special dedication ceremonies, as well as acting as a uniformed crowd control officer for all 15 annual Michigan Week kickoff parades in Sturgis.

The **V.F.W. National Home** has facilities for complete dental care in its Health and Education Building at its Eaton Rapids, Mich., campus, thanks to the V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary in the Depart-

Junior girls acting as dental assistants are Jolene Wiczorek, Sherrie Richardson and Marla Harr, while Mrs. Ruth Lilley, a registered nurse, also assists in the dental work.

Mrs. Lilley, who began her career at the Home as a housemother in 1954, has combined her nursing training with her housemother role since 1958. In 1971 she began managing the Health and Education Building. ■

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When the V.F.W. holds its 1975 National Convention in Los Angeles this year it will not be convening there as a stranger. This is the fourth time

the organization has met there, but it is the first time since 1959. The other years were 1940 and 1952. However, in the 1920s the V.F.W. met in Sacramento, the state capital.

With so much going for it, this year's Convention promises to be one of the V.F.W.'s most successful.

If you are planning to attend this year's V.F.W. National Convention, Aug. 15-22, in Los Angeles, you can register in advance by using the coupon on page 13. If you do, you will save \$2 as registration at the Convention will be \$8.

End Of World War II

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Pacific, was ordered to use the first of the two atomic bombs then in existence.

After Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan's Emperor Hirohito told his people on Aug. 15 the war was over. On that same day Premier Kantaro Suzuki resigned. Even so the Russians continued their Manchurian offensive until Sept. 12. On Aug. 28, the first American troops began landing in Japan.

The official surrender was a dramatic encounter. Military leaders of all the Allies were waiting on the *Missouri* for the Japanese delegation headed by one-legged Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, aided by a cane, and Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu. There were Americans, British, Australians, Chinese, Canadians, Dutch and French.

A *Detroit News* correspondent, John M. Carlisle, who covered the surrender ceremonies, described them like this:

"It was MacArthur's day... it was a soldier's understanding that led him to give the two fountain pens with which he signed the original copy of the peace terms to Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, the gallant last ditch defender of Bataan and Corregidor, and to Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Percival, the defender of Singapore."

Of the Japanese, he wrote that

"they were a sad looking group. Defeat was registered in their dejected expressions and the hopelessness and the lost dreams of the Japanese empire were etched in the lined faces..."

"All Allied eyes were focused on the Japanese representatives. The band was silent. There were no further salutes. A marine escort led the Japs to their positions on the promenade deck, 10 feet from the ceremony table. They stood there like a small island of dejection in the midst of the Allied exuberance. No one spoke to them. No one paid any attention to them. They were just left there and ignored."

First the Japanese signed, then the Allied representatives.

In a brief speech Gen. MacArthur said the meeting was not being held in a "spirit of distrust, malice or hatred" and added that it was his "hope that a better world shall emerge, a world dedicated to the dignity of man."

As he spoke, the American Flag fluttered in the breeze from the *Missouri*. It was the same one that had flown over the Capitol in Washington on the very day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

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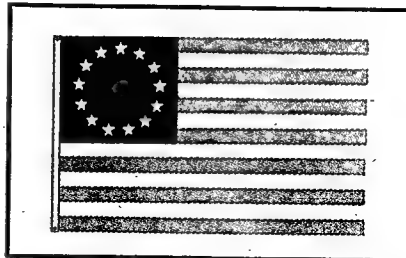
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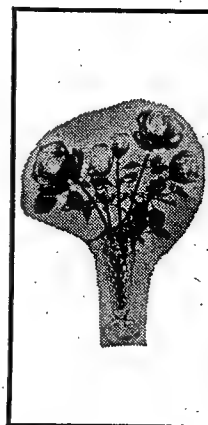
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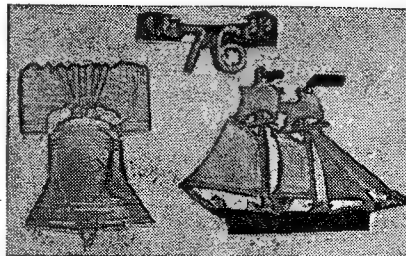


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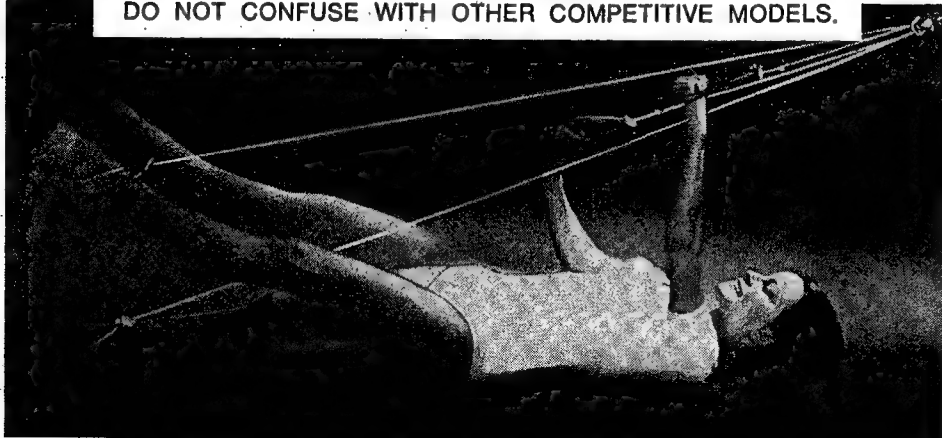
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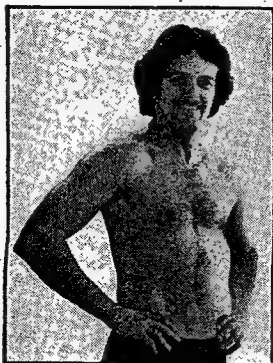
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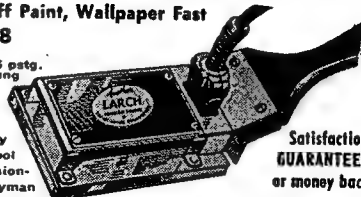
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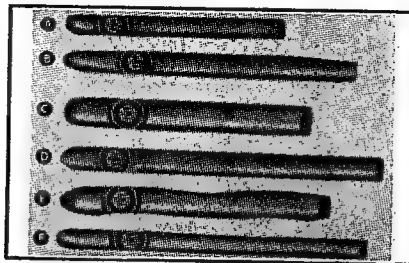
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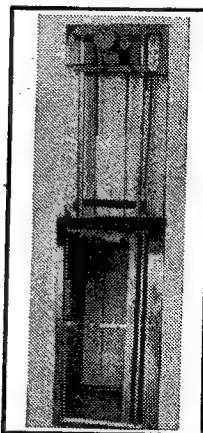
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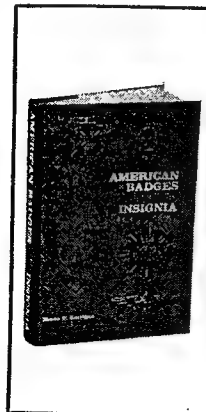
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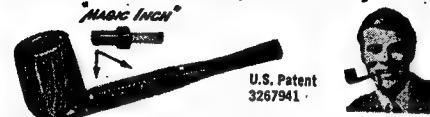
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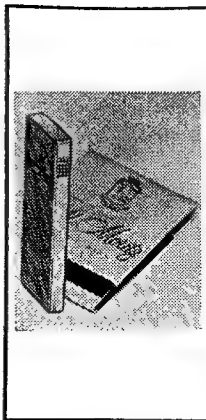
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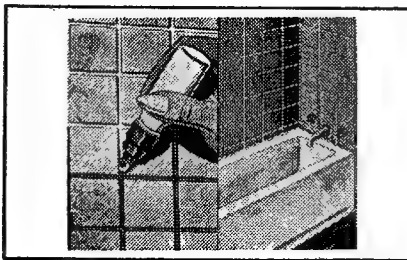
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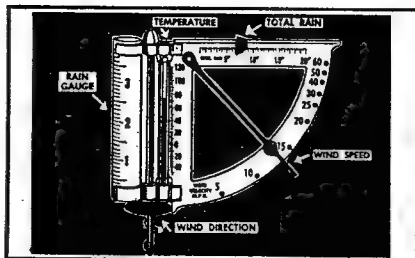


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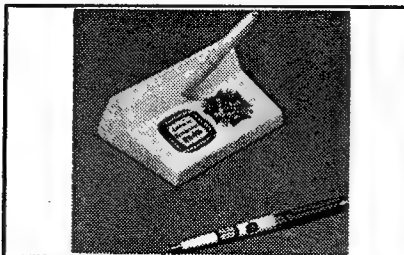
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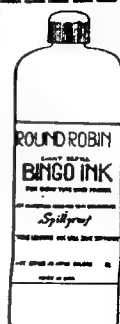


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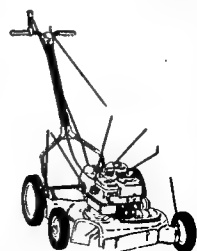
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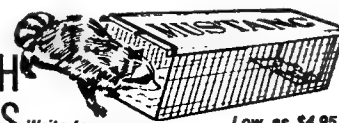
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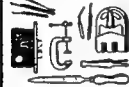
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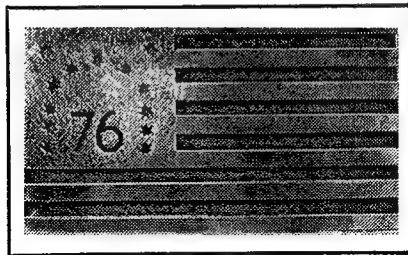
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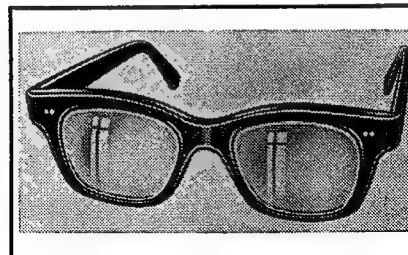
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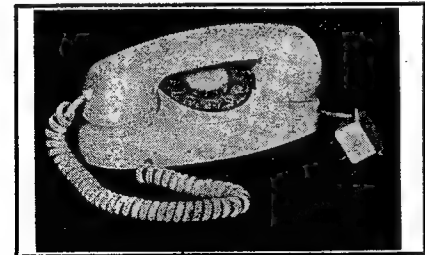
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Between Aug. 11 and 19, Washington and Gage began correspondence in which the American demanded American prisoners in Boston be treated humanely. Gage denied mistreatment and added that he recognized no rank that does not derive from the King. Washington replied, "I cannot conceive one (rank) more honorable than that which flows from the uncorrupted choice of a brave and free people."

The North Carolina Provincial Congress, Aug. 21, denied Martin's charges, reaffirmed loyalty to the king but asserted its right to represent the people who freely elected its members.

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The force arrived in Newbury, Mass., on Sept. 16. Three days later it set out in its ships for the mouth of the Kennebec River. No one had any intimation of the perils ahead.

Although the invasion of Canada overshadowed other events in August, 1775, plenty was going on in the other colonies.

Lord William Dartmouth, the British lord privy seal, wrote Gen. Thomas Gage, the British commander in Boston, Aug. 2, to return to England for consultation, a polite way of relieving him. He was replaced in October by Gen. Robert Howe.

In Newbern, N.C., the patriots resolved on Aug. 5 that anyone having any communication with the royal governor, Josiah Martin, would be considered an enemy of American liberty. On July 18 Martin had been driven from his Fort Johnston by patriot troops and taken refuge on a British ship. He responded on Aug. 8 with a denunciation of the Provincial Congress' meeting and called on royal

Tough Job-

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cern over Communist influence in Portugal."

On the other flank of NATO, what's the situation with regard to Greece and Turkey?

"The situation in the eastern Mediterranean is complex and potentially dangerous. To date, there has been very little movement with respect to the bilateral issues directly affecting Greece and Turkey. I certainly hope Greece can find a way to reassociate itself fully with NATO's military structure. Its actions since last summer have left a potential gap on the Southern flank. Now Turkey, who fought with us in Korea, has, like Greece, been a staunch and loyal ally. It commands a strategic location. Its fine armed forces are a show case of military assistance. Moreover, one thing is certain: the Turks are a proud people."

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2nd Inf. Div. (Fla. branch)—Nov. 7-9, Daytona Beach.—Sal Di Stefano, 5926-3rd Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33710.

3rd Cav. Gp. (3rd & 43rd Recon.)—Sept. 19-21, Grand Rapids.—Glen W. Shronen, 3139 Rypens Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504.

5th Armad. Div. (WWII, Midwest)—Sept. 6-7, Grand Island.—Harry I. Whitesell, 111 W. 19th St., Grand Island, Nebr. 68801.

10th Inf. Reg. (WWII officers, Arlington Hall Sta.)—Aug. 23-24, Arlington, Va.—Paul Cullen, 3134 Juniper, Falls Church, Va. 22044.

11th Engrs. (WWI)—Nov. 15.—Gus Grossman, 35 Oak Ave., Tenefly, N.J. 07670.

15th Inf. (Tientsin, China)—Aug. 10-12, Fair-Townsend, 108 S. Central, Idabel, Okla. 74745, field, Calif.

35th Inf. Div.—Sept. 26-28, Kansas City.—Ken field.—Mariano Abalona, 1309 Lincoln St., Fair-

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87th Inf. Div. (WWI & WWII)—Sept. 18-21, Syracuse, N.Y.—Gladwin A. Pascuzzo, 12840 Wilfred Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48213.

95th Med. GT Bn.—Sept. 28-30, Charlottesville, Va.—Walter J. Gantz, 829 Paim St., Scranton, Pa. 18505.

100th Inf. Div.—Sept. 5-7, Kershonken, N.Y.—Anthony F. Tom, PO Box 5121, Bridgeport, Conn. 06610.

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127th Inf.—Sept. 26-27, Marinette, Wis.—Douglas A. Connaher, 3200-22nd St., Menominee, Mich. 49858.

128th Inf. Svc. Co., 32nd Inf. Div.—Oct. 11, Neillsville.—Thomas A. Flynn, 200 E. Division St., Neillsville, Wis. 54456.

132nd Inf. Reg. (WWII)—Aug. 29-31, Chicago.—Clarence Galetti, 3610 W. St. Paul Ave., Bellwood, Ill. 60104.

164th Inf.—Oct. 10-12, Minneapolis, Minn.—Arvid Thompson, 1187 Farrington St., Paul, Minn. 55117.

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272nd Inf. Rangers.—Reunion?—Dr. Carey E. Ore, Box 368, Paola, Kans. 66071.

273rd Ord., MM Co. (AAA)—Oct.—Joseph Camillo, 1346 Huntington Rd., Stratford, Conn. 06497.

352nd Ftr. Gp. & 304th, 351st, 452nd, 466th Bmb. Gps. (8th AF)—Oct. 10-12, Miami Beach.—8th AF News, 7752 Harbour Blvd., Miramar, Fla. 33023.

368th Eng. (WWII)—Aug. 23-24, Cincinnati.—Alex. Andreski, 460 Bostwick Ave., Janesville, Wis. 53545.

395rd FA—Sept. 26, Lafayette, Ind.—Jesse Younger, 352 W. McClurg St., Frankfort, Ind. 46041.

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534th AAA, Btry. A—Aug. 15-17, Dayton, Ohio.—Roger Downs, Dennis, Port, Mass.

719th ROB (WWII)—Sept. 18-20, Miami Beach.—Rodney E. Runsteen, 12620 W. Dodge Rd., Omaha, Nebr. 68154.

805th Avn. Engrs. (WWII)—Aug. 23-24, Elyria, Ohio.—Harry F. Keaton, PO Box 358, Beach City, Ohio.

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932nd Sig. Bn. (Inf., Sep., TAC)—Sept.—Cy Billings, Jr., 1111 S. Denver, Tulsa, Okla. 74119.

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Philippines Liberator (WWII)—Oct. 11-26, tour of Philippines planned.—Edmund Biggs, 213 Way side Dr., Plainfield, Ind. 46168.

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233rd QM Salvage Coll. Co. (WWII)—Important to contact members.—Prajedes M. Arias, 755 Billings Blvd., San Leandro, Calif. 94577.

248th Aero Sqdn. (WWI)—Like to contact members.—Milton T. Stott, 216 N. Chestnut, Monticello, Iowa 52310.

305th Inf., Cannon Co., 77th Inf. Div.—For claim, must contact members.—Thomas T. Katreeb, 235 Ellis St., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

350th Inf. (WWII, Tarchento, Italy)—For claim, must contact M/Sgt. Long.—William C. Monteith, 19 Pleasant St., Caribou, Me. 04736.

513th Pch. Inf. Reg. & Pch. School, Fort Benning, Ga. (1943-45)—For claim, must contact members.—Thomas Hashway, 175 Windsor St., Fall River, Mass. 02723.

530th Bmb. Sqdn.—For claim, must contact Francis L. Bailey, Jr., John F. McMahon, Charles K. Gibson, Herbert C. Johnston, Harry B. Lewellen.—James A. Barber, Rt. 1, Shirley, Ark. 72153.

653rd Topo. Engs., Co. C (Dehra Dun, India)—For claim, must contact members.—John H. Keizer, 3607 N. Middle St., McHenry, Ill. 60050.

715th Amtrac, Co. C (1944), Co. B (1944-45)—To correct svc. records, must contact Capt. Robert C. Bobb, Lt. Strickler, Lt. Kerrigan, Col. Wil-

son, Capt. Coates, Lt. Vitula.—Leonard Jackson, PO Box 3033, Davenport, Iowa 52808.

813th Bmb. Sqdn., 482nd Gp., 8th AF (1942-45)—For claim, must contact members.—R. F. Palsgrove, 35 W. Main St., Adamstown, Pa. 19501.

823rd Eng., Ann. Bn. (Ernest Harmon AFB, Stephenville, Newfoundland, Dec. 1953-Jan. 1954)—For claim, must contact members.—Raymond S. Lambert, Star Rt., Dublin, Va. 24084.

892nd Sig. Svc. Bn.—For claim, must contact Joseph Reid (or Reed), James Dunn, medic at aid sta., others.—Theodore A. Kersey, PO Box 1681, Crystal River, Fla. 32629.

883rd Ord. Supply Dpt., 808th AV (Camp Mower, Sasebo, Japan) 724th TROB, Co. C & Prov. Co. 1627 (1952-54)—Must contact members who knew Lawrence Owings.—Mrs. Doris Owings, PO Box 332, Quincy, Wash. 98848.

953rd Sig. Co.—For claim, must contact Capt. John Porter, Lt. Robert Dunn, others stationed at Hammerfield AF, Fresno, Calif.—Clyde P. Duncan, 305 Daniel St., Wilson, N.C. 27893.

Guadalcanal, AAC—Must contact Capt. George Weaver to establish claim.—Durward B. Jones, 10416 Pineaire, Sun City, Ariz. 85351.

Info—Like to contact friends from ETO and CBI.—David B. Wyatt, Sr., Room 1, Stag Hotel, 117 W. Beach St., Watsonville, Calif. 95076.

Info—For claim, malaria, must contact friends who served with me in the Philippines, Sept.-Oct. 1946.—George Zeigler, PO Box 1275, Mansfield, Ohio 44901.

Info—For claim, must locate Arthur M. Draper.—James C. Steffen, PO Box 315, Elgin, Okla.

Info—Urgent to contact Pete Bustos.—Abel Vigil, Jr., PO Box 3513, Fairview Sta., Espanola, N.M. 87532.

Info—Must contact anyone with MCB11, Co. C, at Quang Tre Combat Base Vietnam in 1968 for

claim.—Jack H. Maxey, PO Box 158, Spring, Texas 77373.

Info—Seek number of army sta. hosp. at Bayreuth, Germany, 1945.—Clayton Massare, 1543 Norton St., Rochester, N.Y. 14621.

Info—For claim, must contact Delbert Dehn, others, who served with me.—Dalton W. Dehn, 528 Coulee Rd., Enderlin, N.D. 58027.

WWI—Seek family of Carl A. Cook and son, Billy.—Mrs. Benny Harrel, Box 48, Saitillo, Miss. 38866.

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7th Marines, Co. B 1st Bn., 1st Marine Division (Korea)—For claim, must contact those remembering truck fire about July 1, 1954.—Dave Decking, 2470 Bells Ferry Rd., Anderson, Calif. 96007.

Info—Seek to contact Victor M. Hutcherson who served aboard the USS Mathew Thornton (1942) and Raymond H. Guth, Jr., 3rd Marines, 11th Mtr. Trans. Bn., Co. C (1945-46).—Robert E. Laws, 927 Golden Beach Blvd., Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. 32937.

NAVY

USS Admiralty Islands—For claim, must contact members of the 1st Div.—Andrew Drwiega, 12206 Vaughn, Detroit, Mich. 48228.

USS Croatan (WWII)—For claim, must contact shipmates.—Carmen Mastropolitto, 1227 Titan St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19147.

USS Fulton (1943-46); USS Hoggatt (1950-51)—For claim, must contact shipmates.—Clarence C. Wagner, 1026 Hill Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403.

Great Lakes Training Sta. (Jan.-March, 1943)—For claim, must contact those serving under command of C. A. Ehrbridge.—William J. Purcell, 19 Frank Ave., Revere, Mass. 02151.

USS Houston (CA30 & CL81)—Seek to contact all who served aboard these two ships and all who volunteered for the Navy to avenge sinking of Houston in May 1942. Plan memorial and reunion. C. E. Hubbard, PO Box 66244, Houston, Texas 77006.

Info—Seek to locate Earl F. Mick, who served in the Guadalcanal area, 1944, and James Weldon, who served aboard the USS Hyperion, 1943-44.—F. James Funk, 1806 Radford, El Paso, Texas 79903.

Info—For claim, must contact anyone knowing Delbert E. Rainey struck by a steel cable at sea.—Mrs. Delbert E. Rainey, Rt. 5, Farmington, Mo. 63640.

LSM 215 (1944-45)—For claim, must contact shipmates.—Edward Zajkowski, Veterans Hospital, Castle Point, N.Y. 12511.

LST 638—Need to contact shipmates for medical report.—Ralph E. Snyder, 18 Weiser Ave., Delaware, Ohio 43015.

USS Manning (Oct., 1944)—For claim, must contact shipmates.—Glendon E. Coffee, 428 Gladys St., Bessemer, Ala. 35020.

USS New Mexico (1944-45)—For claim must contact W. P. Crisp, Jack Ackie, others.—William F. Snyder, 790 Hamilton, Apt. 14, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626.

Portsmouth, Va., Naval Hosp. (1961)—For claim, must contact Capt. who treated me for skin disease.—Rudolph M. Wahner, 5757 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa, Calif. 92141.

Salpan, Mariana Islands—For claim must contact Dr. W. G. A. Jones, Dr. Dunnigan (CO), Dr. R. J. Westcott, Cmdr. Hieland, Robert Cunney, Eugene E. Smith, James Capers, Louis N. Laster, John J. Schmidt, R. J. Squillace, Paul Kester.—E. A. Theurer, Sr., 2824 Drake Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626.

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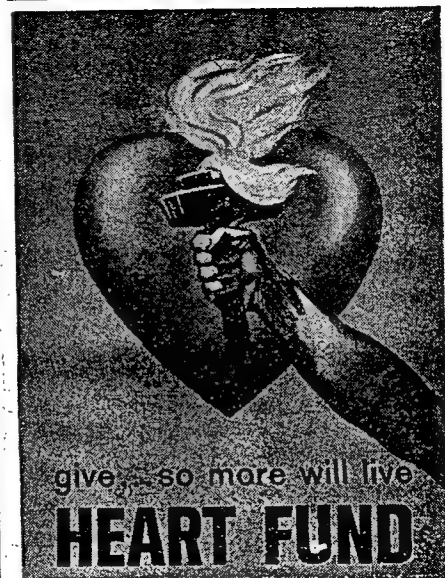
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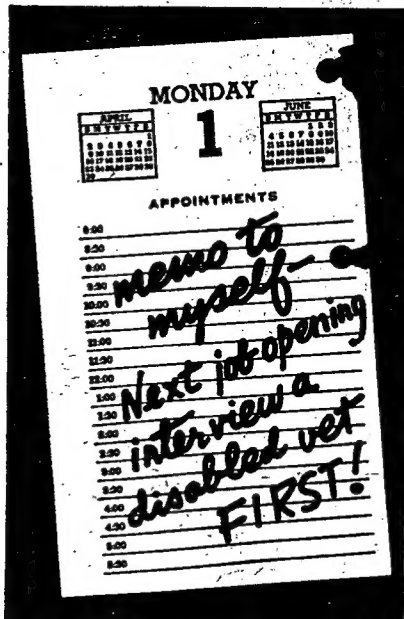
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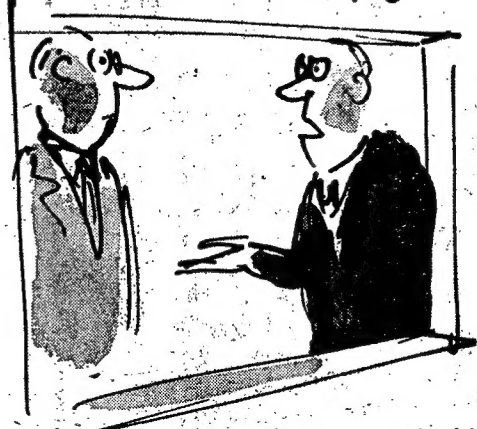
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—Southern Wings

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—CPA Journal

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A farmer with a big load approached a covered bridge. After one look down the long, dark wooden tunnel, he turned his team around, muttering, "I could get in all right, but I'd never squeeze through that little hole at the other end."

—Arizona Architect

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The young first grader had never had a physical examination before entering school. The doctor asked him, "Have you ever had any trouble with your ears and nose?"

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Looking around in a pet shop, a stout lady wandered over to a parakeet's cage. "Can you talk?" asked the woman. "Sure," replied the bird, "can you fly?"

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Manager to prizefighter: "I've got a great idea for the next round! Hit him back!"

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—Quote

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